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## TREASURY FRAUDS.

### KEEN QUESTIONING OF TSANG ON-WING.

#### MR. F. C. JENKIN STILL ALLEGING PARTICIPATION.

### SAFE KEYS DISCOVERY.

An intimation that he proposed to suggest to Tsang On-wing, the Treasury clerk most closely connected with the case, that he participated in the Yeo frauds, was made by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, counsel for the Bank, when he continued his cross-examination of the witness, in the claim by the Government for the re-crediting of \$260,000.

Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, asked counsel if he was definitely charging Tsang On-wing with complicity in the Carvalho Yeo frauds, and Mr. Jenkin replied that he would allege that the writing and other circumstances pointed to only one conclusion.

In the course of the morning, the jury asked to be allowed to see the keys of the Treasury safe in which the reserve cheque-book was kept. On examination, it was said that one of them had been made locally, and that possibly others had been made at the same time.

### WHAT TSANG SHOULD HAVE DONE

The early part of to-day's cross-examination of Tsang On-wing centred round letters which were sent from the Treasury to the bank at various times and in reply to questions Tsang On-wing said that it was part of his duty to draft letters regarding queries arising between the Treasury Department and the Bank.

Mr. Jenkin:—It was your duty to draft letters regarding state cheques?

Tsang replied in the affirmative after it had been explained that a state cheque was one which had not been paid in for some time after it had been drawn.

#### Extremely Careful?

Mr. Jenkin:—In all these matters which fell to you to attend to, you were extremely careful—when you have to put on record matters as between the Treasury and the Bank?—Yes.

Why did it not occur to you to draft a brief letter to the bank with regard to the discovery of the shortage in the cheque book, so as to clear up the matter and be sure that your conclusion that there was a mistake was well founded?—At that time I thought it was not necessary to trouble the bank. I thought they had sent cheques short.

I put it to you that if you entertained the view you say you did that in the ordinary course you must at least have sent a brief note to the bank and made the matter clear. You don't agree with that?—No.

I put the same to you with regard to the other cheque book—that you should have straightened the thing out with the bank and made sure that your assumption was well founded?

#### Less Importance.

Tsang did not understand the question and on it being put in another form said that since it was the second occasion he thought it was of less importance than the first.

There was a third man in addition to yourself and Cheung who was sometimes engaged in filling in cheques?—Yes, Chow Wei-sang.

Did you ever discuss the altered covers with this man?—No.

Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, frequently during this period came up to your desk in the ordinary course of the Treasury routine?—Yes.

In reply to other questions Tsang said that he was arrested along with Cheung and they were charged two days later. Referring to the matter of applying for new cheque books, witness was shown the application forms for books from which cheques were extracted and said that when application was made he had several forms in his drawer.

#### Two Forms.

Counsel asked how that was if there was only one application

## PRINCE'S MISSION FULFILLED.

### GARTER PRESENTED TO EMPEROR.

### BRILLIANT CEREMONY AT IMPERIAL PALACE.

### GORGEOUS DISPLAY.

Tokyo, May 3.

Clad in full-dress cavalry uniform and seated beside Prince Chichibu in a State Coach drawn by four horses, the Duke of Gloucester, third son of His Majesty the King, set forth from the Kasumigaseki Palace at ten o'clock this morning on his way to the Imperial Palace, there to confer on His Imperial Japanese Majesty, the highest order of British knighthood, the Most Noble Order of the Garter.

Behind him followed a number of two-horse carriages, conveying the members of his Suite and members of the Japanese reception committee, all in brilliant uniforms, while a further touch of colour was added to the cortege by the detachment of lancers acting as escort.

#### Famous Bridge.

Entering the Palace grounds by the famous Nijubashi, a fine old bridge in a picturesque setting of towering grey stone walls crowned with aged Japanese pine trees, gnarled and twisted into fantastic shapes, the procession halted, and the Prince and his companion descended from their carriages.

A chamberlain, who was there to meet them, then conducted them to a hall of waiting, where they rested while the other British and Japanese officials who were to be present at the Garter ceremony assembled in the Throne Room where it was to take place.

#### Brilliant Assemblage.

Amongst this brilliant assemblage were the Imperial Princes and other members of the Imperial Household, the British Ambassador with the principal members of his staff, holders of the Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum, the naval and military chiefs, the Premier, the President of the Privy Council, the Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Ministers of State and other high officials. These were all drawn up in two lines to the right and left of the Throne facing inwards and, glittering with gold braid and brilliant decorations, presented a striking spectacle.

Punctually at 11 o'clock, the Emperor, attired in the uniform of Generalissimo of the Japanese armed forces, entered the Throne Room, attended by the Grand Master of Ceremonies, the Grand Chamberlain, his principal A.D.C. and others, and mounted the Throne, while all present stood in silence with their heads bowed towards him.

#### Unseen Band.

Then an unseen Band struck up "God Save the King," very slowly and impressively, as Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, and his suite were seen coming down a corridor leading to the Throne Room.

Each member of the Suite in turn advanced slowly and solemnly towards the Throne and, after bowing deeply before it, stepped back a few paces to the right and halted facing inward.

Last of all came the Duke of Gloucester himself.

Halting before the Throne, he read a message from the King, asking the Emperor to accept the insignia of the Garter, this message being then rendered into Japanese by one of the chamberlains.

This done, the Prince with great solemnity presented the autograph letter which he had brought from his royal father, King George, and after another bow, stepped back a few paces, whereupon the Emperor, addressing Prince Henry, expressed his thanks for the courtesy of the British monarch in conferring this honour upon him and sending it by the hand of his own son. Then the main ceremony took place.

#### Main Ceremony.

Mounting the steps leading to the Throne, the Prince, kneeling with one knee on a cushion, solemnly adjusted the Garter on the left leg of the Emperor, who

## GOOD TWO-HOURS' RAINFALL.

### MORE THAN FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

### MUCH MORE NEEDED.

More rain fell in two hours in Hongkong this morning than for the whole of April and March. The total was 2.71 inches, and all fell between 6 and 8 a.m.

During these two hours, there was a very steady downpour, with the result that, despite the long drought which has been experienced, low-lying areas both on the island and the mainland became temporarily flooded. This was particularly noticeable at Happy Valley, where at 8 o'clock, there were large patches of the turf under water.

The total fall for March and April was only 2.045 inches, whilst for the six months from October to March inclusive it was 3.390 inches or only 1.12-inch than was registered in two hours this morning.

This morning's fall was extremely welcome but, of course, it will need very much more rain before there can be any question of removing the present restrictions. It was stated last week in this connection that fully 10 inches of rain would be needed to have any real effect on the situation.

Including this morning's, the total rainfall for the year now comes to 5.73 inches, which compares with an average of 12.32 inches.

The Botanical Gardens return for April, just to hand, shows that 1.22-inch of rain fell during the month, this being spread over eight days.

Whilst the water is being cut off daily from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. in other parts of the Colony, it is reported that the Peak is enjoying a full supply. Editorial reference to this point will be found on Page 6.

## BRITISH BOXING CONTESTS.

### NEW LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE HOLDER.

London, May 2.

At the Albert Hall to-night in a heavyweight boxing contest over fifteen rounds, Phil Scott, the British champion, defeated Doctor Ludwig Hayman, the German champion, on points after a poor fight.

In a contest for the British lightweight championship, the second important item on the programme, Fred Webster, formerly a famous amateur and holder of three amateur championships at different weights, captured the title in his first leading professional match.

The holder, Sam Steward, put up a gallant fight, but he was soundly beaten on points over fifteen rounds.—*Reuter.*

## THE "DISCOVERY"

### ROYAL VISIT TO FAMOUS VESSEL.

London, May 2.

The Duke and Duchess of York and Prince George visited the West India Dock this afternoon and inspected the Royal Research ship "Discovery."

Their Royal Highnesses were conducted over the ship by Sir Douglas Mawson, the leader of the expedition to the Antarctic, for which the "Discovery" is now being reconditioned.

Mr. Amery, Dominions Secretary; Sir Granville Gyles, High Commissioner for Australia; and a representative of the High Commissioner for New Zealand were also present.—*British Wireless.*

## HOME FOOTBALL RESULTS.

### BLACKBURN & BURNLEY SHARE POINTS.

London, May 2.

In the First Division of the English League to-day, Blackburn Rovers, playing at home, drew with Burnley, each side scoring once. In the Third Division (South) Watford received a severe setback, losing at Norwich to the City team by five goals to two.—*Reuter.*

## THE K.O.S.B. FRAUD ALLEGATIONS.

### PROTEST BY ACCUSED'S COUNSEL.

### ADJUTANT WHO DOES NOT "RUN THE BATTALION."

### TO-DAY'S EVIDENCE.

Mr. D. L. Strellett, counsel for Corporal Charles Hendry, of the K.O.S.B., who is charged with the embezzlement of sums amounting to \$1,300, the property of the P.R.I., had occasion, at the resumed hearing of the District Court Martial this morning, strongly to object against the Judge Advocate, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, for not taking notes.

Mr. Strellett was cross-examining Captain A. G. Dobbie, the Adjutant of the K.O.S.B., and enquired of the Judge Advocate whether he was taking a note, for the matter was very important.

The Judge Advocate replied that he was not, whereupon Mr. Strellett said:—Then I must strongly object.

As a result, all the questions which Mr. Strellett had put to the witness were repeated, and the Judge Advocate noted the statements made.

#### For P.R.I. Employment.

Captain Dobbie produced certified extracts which showed that the accused was struck off duty in December, 1926, for employment in the P.R.I., and that his successor, Sergeant A. Bardell, was appointed in November, 1928. As Adjutant, he was President of the Corporals' Mess and payments amounting to \$80 were made to the P.R.I. in 1928.

Cross-examined by Mr. Strellett, witness stated that the payments were regular, but the Corporals' Mess was in arrears. He was not responsible for appointments in the P.R.I., and neither were the appointments made on his recommendation. He had nothing at all to do with the appointments except the drawing up and signing of the orders.

Mr. Strellett questioned witness regarding the phrase "shall be struck off duty for employment."

Witness replied that it meant would not do any parades or guards and would be solely responsible for his employment as clerk in the P.R.I.

#### No Instructions.

Is he given any instructions when he takes up that employment?—I don't think so;—not by me anyway.

Is he given any instructions as to what his duties will be?—Not that I know of.

Is he considered to be on duty?—Most certainly.

How are his duties defined?—By the P.R.I.

Mr. Strellett here stated that the last reply was most important and asked the Judge Advocate if he was taking a note.

The Judge Advocate replied that he was not, and the cross-examination of the witness recommenced. Does the appointment carry any pay?—I don't know, I have never been in that position.

Do you know that the accused also acted mess clerk to the officers' mess?—That is quite possible.

How many persons have been appointed to do the work of the accused?—Sergeant Bardell and two assistants. I don't agree that the three are doing the work of the accused. They are in the P.R.I. office. Whether they are doing their work or not I don't know.

#### Don't Run Battalion!

Who appoints the P.R.I.?—How do I know? I am only the Adjutant of the Battalion. I am not the Colonel. I don't run the Battalion.

Private J. W. Grief, of the K.O.S.B., was the next witness. He stated that he was in charge of the billiard table at the recreation centre and that all the monies he received from the men playing billiards, he handed to Corporal Hendry, against initials, every Sunday. There was only one entry which had not been initialled.

The Court Martial will continue the hearing this afternoon.

## THE BALFOUR NOTE.

### IMPRESSIVE DEBATE IN HOUSE OF LORDS.

#### LORD BIRKENHEAD ON ASSET OF BRITISH CREDIT.

### AN HISTORIC GESTURE.

Strongly condemning Mr. Philip Snowden for his talk of repudiation of the Balfour Memorandum, in which Britain undertook to demand no more of the Allies than she is required to pay America, Earl Birkenhead addressed the House of Lords at some length yesterday on the subject of war debts.

He described the Balfour Note as the most generous offer made by any country in the history of the world, and warmly defended its principles.

Its moral effect, he declared, had enabled Britain to recover from the damage of the war, and London to remain as the financial centre of the world.

Lord Parmoor, the Labour Peer, who moved an amendment to Earl Birkenhead's resolution, endorsed the principles of the Balfour Note, dissociated himself from certain expressions used by Mr. Snowden in speaking of the Note, but criticised certain aspects of Britain's debt settlements.

### A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

London, May 2.

An eloquent address on the subject of war debts was made in the House of Lords to-day by Earl Birkenhead, who moved "That this House approves the principle of the Balfour Memorandum."

Introducing the motion, Lord Birkenhead said he had come to the conclusion that the measures which were related to his motion required very earnest consideration from the British Parliament and from the Parliamentary assemblies of other countries.

#### Masterly State Paper.

In the Balfour Note, which, he said, was acclaimed as a masterly State document by every Liberal and Conservative member of the Coalition Cabinet, a gesture was made for the cancellation of all war debts.

It was said that, as a result of the War, a sum of £2,000,000,000 was owing to us from our late Allies, while our debt to the United States was roughly some £301,000,000; less than half. These figures required very considerable revision.

When one talked of £2,000,000,000 it must be remembered that one-third of that sum was owing to us from Russia, a nation which had repudiated completely that debt.

#### Best Obtainable.

Defending Mr. Winston Churchill's conduct of the financial negotiations with France and Italy, Earl Birkenhead declared that Mr. Churchill had made the best terms, conceivably obtainable. It was the object of all of us to make a generous debt settlement and, in the same time, the measure of the concessions which we could make was limited by the reasonable economic and financial resources of the nations with whom we were dealing.

France, he agreed, had emerged from the many difficulties which pressed upon her when our negotiations with her reached a decisive stage, but it might happen, were such negotiations to be resumed to-day, that some slightly better terms might have been obtained.

#### Italy's Limits.

Let them also take the case of Italy. Italy was a country which, though politically of the greatest possible consequence, in Europe, was one which economically was not rich. There were well understood limits, recognised by all authorities on international finance, to the contributions which Italy could make. No one who dispassionately considered the position of Italy could have thought it proper to have asked more of Italy than we did ask.

Lord Birkenhead agreed that we had paid and were paying the United States on a scale which the late Mr. Bonar Law had hardly exaggerated in describing as a scale which would effect our

standards of living for a generation.

#### Some Compensations.

But we had some compensations. There was hardly anyone who believed in the year 1918 that British finance could attain for London the control of the finance of the world. Never could that result have been attained unless the golden indisputable asset of British credit had been retained. If the settlement with United States had not taken place, our national supremacy would have passed elsewhere.

Broken as we had been by the war, we are still today the financial centre of the world.

We should have a great and high hope from that circumstance. Let them consider how far the Balfour Memorandum had contributed to it. It made a twofold contribution. One was material. The more important was the moral.

#### Historic Offer.

We laid to the whole world, justly, as a business proposition, that if our creditors would forego our debts, though those who owed us money were far more numerous than those to whom we owed, we would wipe out the whole account.

A more generous offer had never been made by any country in the history of the world.

Lord Birkenhead referred to the attack recently made upon the Balfour memorandum by Mr. Philip Snowden, who was Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Labour Government. He also referred to the terms of the amendment to his motion which was to be proposed by Lord Parmoor on behalf of the Labour Party.

#### Labour Amendment.

He noted that Lord Parmoor's amendment approved the principle of the Balfour Memorandum, while regretting that the settlement made by the Conservative Government imposed unfair burdens upon British taxpayers.

He asked Lord Parmoor to say it was not the purpose of the Labour Party to attempt to impair the authority of the Balfour Memorandum upon which depended every financial arrangement which had since been made in Europe.

To repudiate the Memorandum would inflict a grievous and irreparable wound upon the reputation of this country.

He himself had a deep responsibility for the Memorandum. He was a member of the Cabinet which adopted it and he would regard the time when this momentous financial decision was taken as one of the supreme moments of his public life.

#### Mr. Snowden "Rebuked."

Lord Parmoor, in moving his amendment, said the Labour Party had consistently adopted and followed what it regarded as



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**THE LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL.**

**THREE MILLION DOLLARS FOR  
ABERDEEN RESERVOIR.**

**FIRE FIGHTING.**

Several important matters were discussed at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked the following questions:

(a) Will the Director of Public Works inform the Council whether in the scheme of Town Planning for Kowloon any site, and where, has been earmarked for a recreation ground for the growing number of members of the Police Force stationed at Kowloon and of the subordinate staff in the service of the Government?

(b) If no such site has been marked out as yet, will the Government consider the advisability of forthwith making a suitable reservation of Crown land, both as regards area and location, for recreation purposes for the above-mentioned members of the Civil Service residing at Kowloon?

The Director of Public Works replied:

(a) Apart from the parade ground at the Police Training School no area has been specially earmarked as a recreation ground either for the Police Force or for the subordinate employees of Government, residing at Kowloon.

(b) The Town Planning scheme for Kowloon makes provision for the reservation of several areas for recreation grounds and Government proposes to develop these as and when funds can be made available. The Government has decided to appoint a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Colonial Secretary to review the provision at present existing for playing fields in Hongkong and on the mainland, to consider what provision is required for the future and to make recommendation in the matter.

**FIRE ESCAPES.**

The Efficiency of the  
Local Brigade.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked:

(a) Without implying any reflection on the personnel of the efficient and hard-working staff of the Fire Brigade, is the Government satisfied with the up-to-dateness and completeness of the appliances and equipment for life-saving in the event of another outbreak of fire like that of the King Edward Hotel in the small hours of the 11th March?

(b) Are the rescue-ladders of a sufficient height to reach the top floor of the tallest building in the Colony when any inmates are entrapped therein in the case of a fire?

(c) If not, will the Government take immediate steps to provide the Fire Department with a sufficiency of all appliances (including jumping-sheets) necessary so as to avert the recurrence of a disaster and to minimize, as far as practicable, the loss of lives such as happened in the King Edward Hotel fire?

(d) Will the Government cause an immediate inspection to be made of all the large buildings and offices in the Colony—e.g., Prince's, Alexandra, and similar buildings—to ascertain if—

(i) fire exits are provided on every floor therein;

(ii) there are indicators showing the way to the exits and lighted in red by night, in the same manner as is done in theatres;

(iii) that the passages along these exits are made easily accessible and kept free from obstructions at all times?

(e) If no powers exist to compel the enforcement of the requirements stated in clauses (c), (ii) and (iii) of the foregoing question, will the Government frame and introduce early legislation with a view—

to amend the Building Ordinance so as to invest the Building

Authority with statutory powers enabling him to call upon the owners of buildings of the type mentioned in Question (d) to make adequate and ample provision for fire-escapes in such buildings, and to permit of their regular inspection by officers appointed by the Government;

to require that the main staircase of buildings designed for use as hostels and groups of offices shall be built of fire-proof material?

(f) Will the Government consider the advisability of compelling holders of Hotel Licences to fulfil the requirements set out in Question (d) and to install automatic electric fire-alarms, or other mechanical contrivances for effectively raising alarms upon an outbreak of fire, in their premises?

**Colonial Secretary's Reply.**

The Colonial Secretary replied:

(a) The Government is satisfied that the life-saving apparatus and equipment of the Hongkong Fire Brigade are thoroughly up to date except the motor turntable ladder which is seven years old, and is 68 feet in height. It is to be remembered that this appliance is primarily a water-tower, to be used as such by members of the Fire Brigade, and can only occasionally be used for life-saving purposes, in circumstances requiring extreme care and considerable skill. The Government has taken note of the suggestion in the finding of the Jury at the Inquest into the fatalities in the King Edward Hotel that an improved water-tower should be obtained and this matter is now under consideration. The cost is considerable and may amount to as much as \$30,000 for one machine.

(b) No. The longest manual fire escape in Hongkong is 55 feet in height, which is the largest made. The largest mechanical Fire Brigade ladder or water-tower manufactured so far as is known is only 85 feet in length and there are many buildings in the Colony with stories above this height. It is one of these water-towers which is referred to in the answer to the first part of the Honourable Member's question.

(c) With the exception of the improved water-tower already referred to, the Fire Brigade has all the equipment recognised by the London Fire Brigade as life-saving apparatus. Certain other appliances such as rocket lines have been under careful consideration but are not considered to be of practical value.

**Inspection of Buildings.**

(d), (e) & (f) Power of inspection of buildings by the Building Authority exists, but the necessary staff to make immediate inspections such as are suggested in the Honourable Member's question is not available. Inspections were actually made by Fire Brigade Officers of 982 buildings during 1928 and advice given. The more difficult questions are those of the policy of enforcing a more modern interpretation of section 149 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903 in the case of buildings erected prior to the enactment of that section in 1903, and of the power to enforce such an interpretation in the case of buildings which have been certified as complying with Ordinance No. 1 of 1903. This subject has from time to time engaged the attention of the Government and it is now a matter for consideration whether the interests of the public should not outweigh the hardship to owners of property. In view of doubts as to the legal position fresh legislation would be necessary amending section 149 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance and enabling modern safety requirements to be made enforceable in the case of all buildings irrespective of age and prior certificates. The Government is not yet satisfied that drastic legislation of this kind is called for. It will be realized that the enforcement of such legislation would render necessary the reconstruction of much of the houses properly at present existing in Hongkong.

**Stricter Views.**

Under the Law as it has existed since 1903, all buildings with floors more than 40 ft. above the

level of the street are required to be provided with such means of escape. In the case of fire for the persons dwelling or employed therein as the Building Authority may reasonably require, in accordance with section 149 of Ordinance No. 1 of 1903. This requirement has been regularly enforced since 1903 but opinions have varied from time to time as to what is reasonable, much stricter views having prevailed in recent years. The Building Authority now consults the Chief Officer, Fire Brigade, before expressing satisfaction under section 149. The section further requires any means of escape so provided to be maintained to the satisfaction of the Building Authority; but insufficiency of staff has prevented regular inspections from being carried out, so that this part of the section is observed.

Certain classes of exceptional buildings such as Hotels, Cinemas, Theatres, etc., have for some years past been required by the Building Authority to have special protection against fire even though of a less height than those referred to in section 149. The Government is now considering whether similar safeguards should not be required in respect of all buildings of more than two stories.

It must be remembered that the plans of the King Edward Hotel were approved in 1902 and the building was certified in 1905 when less stringent views prevailed than those now enforced.

With reference to the detailed suggestions in paragraph (f) of the Honourable Member's question regarding indicators, Electric Fire Alarms, etc., these suggestions are receiving the consideration of the Government; but it is probable that legislation will be necessary before they can be insisted upon in the case of buildings already certified.

**Improvement Suggestions.**

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenon asked:

1. What steps have been taken by the Government to carry out

the report of the Committee appointed to consider suggestions for the improvement of the fire-fighting organisation of the Colony, which was laid on the table of the Legislative Council on the 27th May, 1927?

2. If steps have already been taken, what further steps does the Government propose to take?

The Colonial Secretary replied:

1. In matters of personnel and equipment the recommendations of the Committee referred to have been generally adopted and either have been or are being carried out with certain minor exceptions, the chief of which is that the Government considered it best to retain the Captain Superintendent of Police as Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade.

As regards construction, it has not yet been possible to provide funds for the suggested main Station in Kowloon but the site referred to is earmarked for the purpose. Temporary sub-stations exist in the Eastern and Western Districts of Victoria but the permanent buildings have not yet been erected for want of funds. The Shaukiwan sub-station has not yet been provided, but a hand-trailed motor-pump is installed at Shaukiwan Police Station.

The relaying of the water mains and fixing of pedestal hydrants is being undertaken on annual votes.

As regards legislation for the purpose recommended by the Committee, namely to give the Governor in Council power to make regulations in regard to the prevention of fire, escape from, and extinction of fires, the matter was referred to the Attorney General, who advised that legislation was necessary, but that the drafting of the Ordinance should await the formulation of the regulations to be made thereunder. The matter was then referred to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, but owing to the great difficulty of compiling practicable regulations, the matter has made slow progress. Draft regulations regarding places of Public Enter-

tainment, Garages and the Storage of inflammable liquids were recently submitted to the Government, together with a draft bill enabling these regulations to be put into effect. Further consideration of these draft regulations was postponed pending the finding of the Coroner's enquiry into the King Edward Hotel fire.

2. The regulations already drafted are receiving consideration and the preparation of further regulations is being considered by the departments concerned.

**ABERDEEN WATER SCHEME**

**Council Decide on Construction  
of New Reservoir.**

The Colonial Secretary:

Sir,—I rise to move the resolution standing in my name, viz. "That this Council approves the carrying out of the Aberdeen Water scheme set out in Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927, at an estimated cost of \$2,702,000 and the expenditure of a sum of \$555,000 during the current financial year, the cost to be met by a future loan and meanwhile to be charged as an advance from the surplus balances of the funds of the Colony."

The details of the scheme are fully set out in Sessional Paper No. 10 of 1927 and it is therefore unnecessary for me to take up the time of the Council with a detailed description of the scheme which it is estimated will provide an additional 2.12 million gallons of water a day. Suffice it to say that it appears to be the last remaining practicable scheme for any large increase in the storage of water on the island of Hongkong without almost prohibitive expenditure. I think it will be generally admitted especially in view of our unpleasant experience during the long drought, which unfortunately still continues, that whatever water we may be able to bring across from Kowloon we ought to have avail-

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HORACE—DID YOUR MAMA  
SEND YA WAY DOWN HERE  
TA DO SOME SHOPPIN'  
AGAIN?

UH, HUH! I GOTTA  
NOTE SOMEWHERE  
WHAT SAYS WHAT  
SHE WANTS—

GRACIOUS! COULDA DE-  
LIVERED TH' GOODS—  
WHY DIDN'T SHE  
PHONE?

THAT'S WHAT I'D  
LIKE TA KNOW—  
'CAUSE MY MAMA  
LIKES YOU PRETTY  
WELL, I GUESS!

WHAT MAKES YA  
THINK THAT, SONNY?

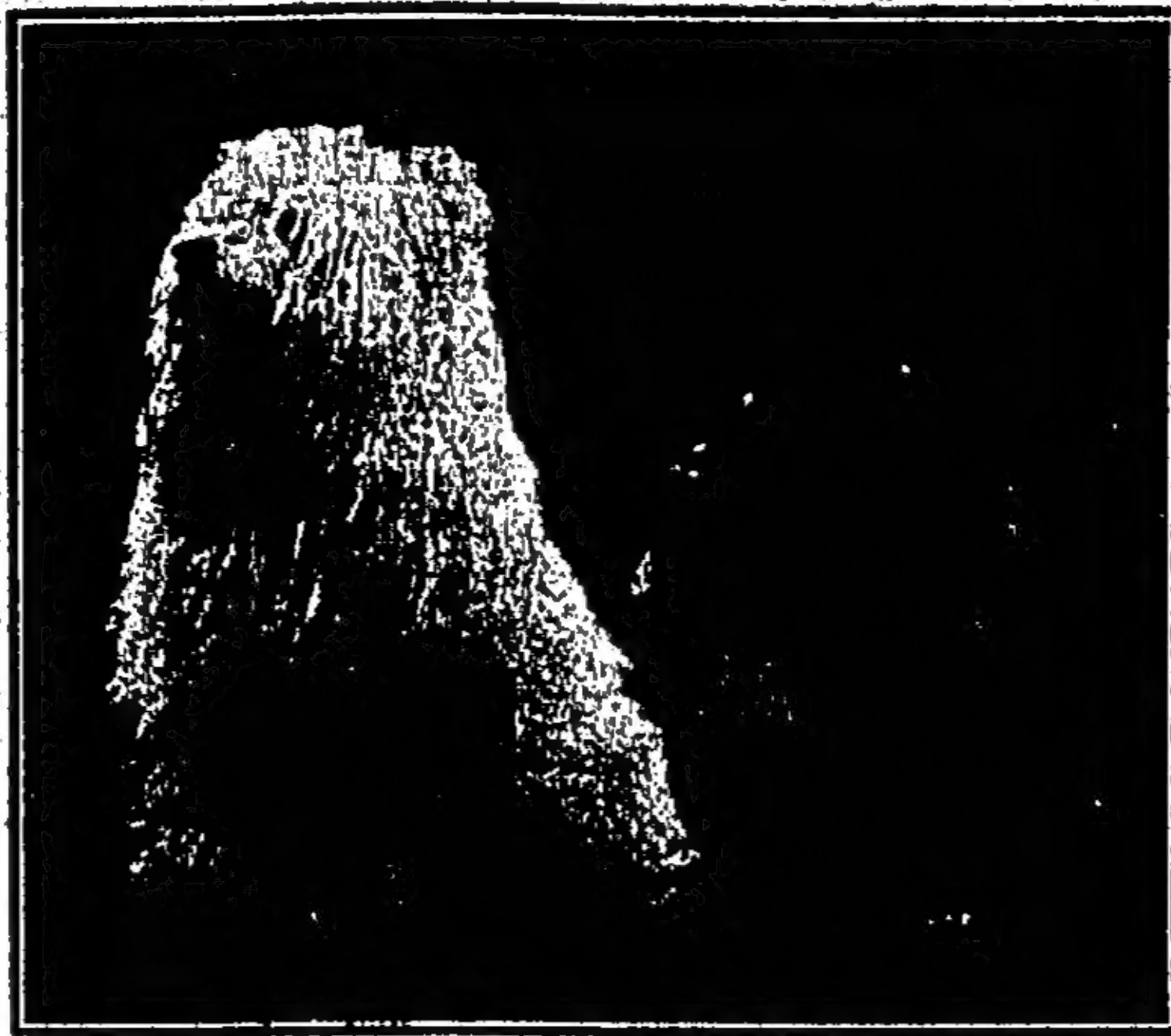
GEE! LOOKIT ALL  
TH' KISSES SHE'S  
SENDIN' YOU!!

Please give  
Horace 25c  
pounds of sugar  
grade XXX





The serious fire which broke out at Siccawei Convent last week caused the occupants to flee for safety as the flames gutted half the building. These pictures show the burning building, and the Fire Brigade fighting the flames.



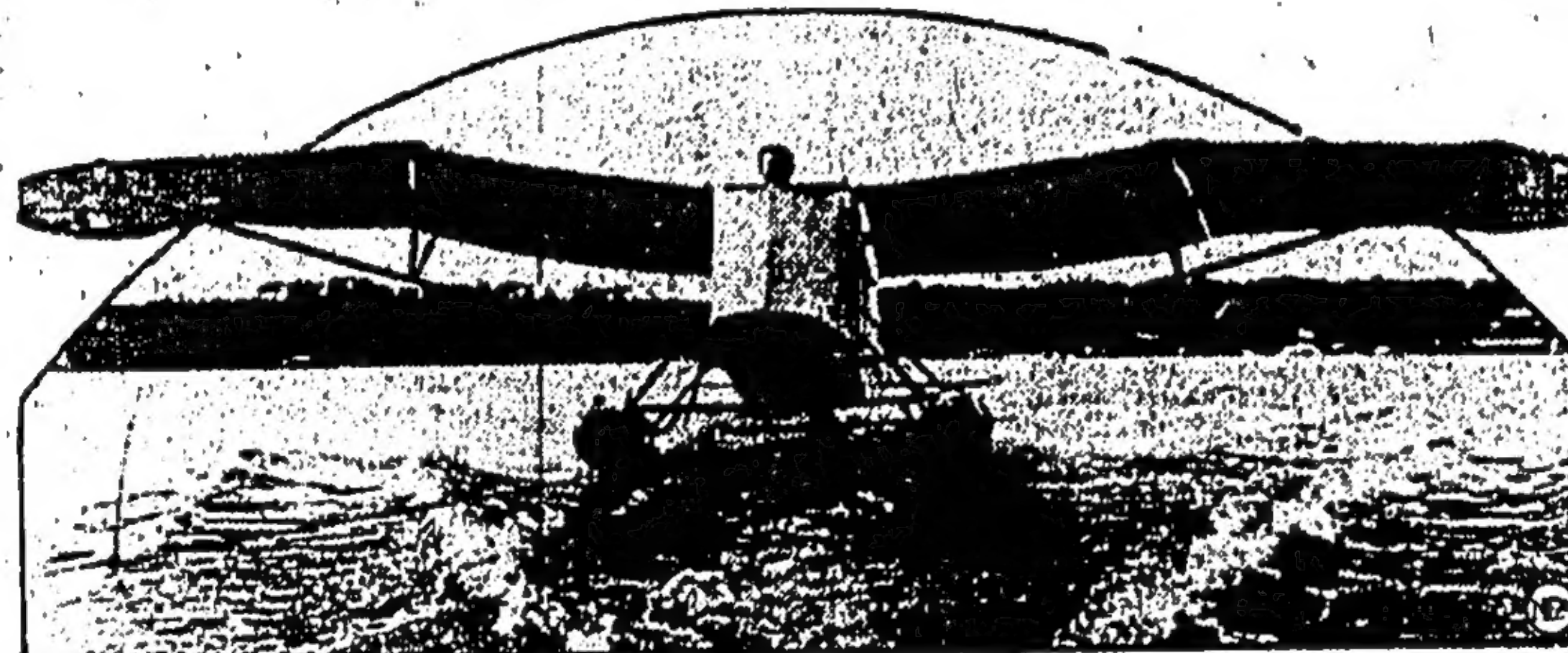
A charming picture of two interesting and bright little Shang-hai Canines.



Major Sir H.O.D. Segrave receiving a trophy from Vice-President Curtis for his wonderful land speed record achievement.



Photo taken at Vienna during the recent cold spell, showing devotees of a new health cult indulging in their chilly sport.



A motorless German glider, which is to attempt the English Channel soon. The photo was taken near Berlin.

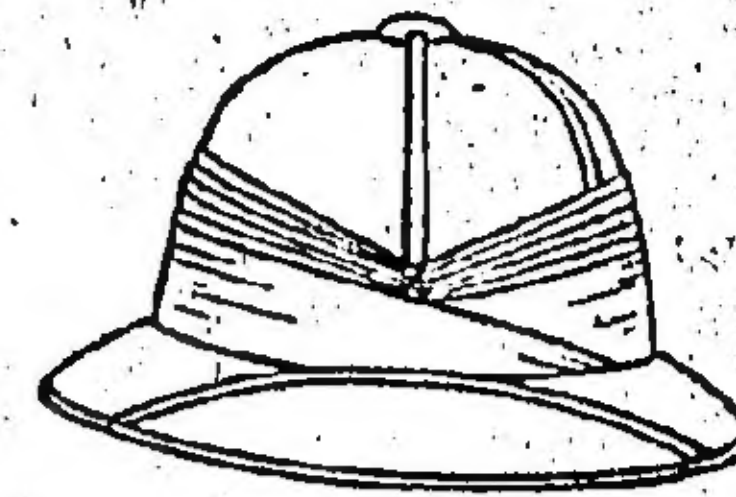


Japanese cherry trees in full bloom, but taken along the Potomac River, Washington. Left to right are Madame Debuchi, Mr. Masara Debuchi, the Japanese Ambassador, and their daughter and son.



Floods fed by sudden heavy rains and melting ice caused millions of dollars damage and temporary disaster to scores of Alameda cities recently. The pictures above show two principal streets.

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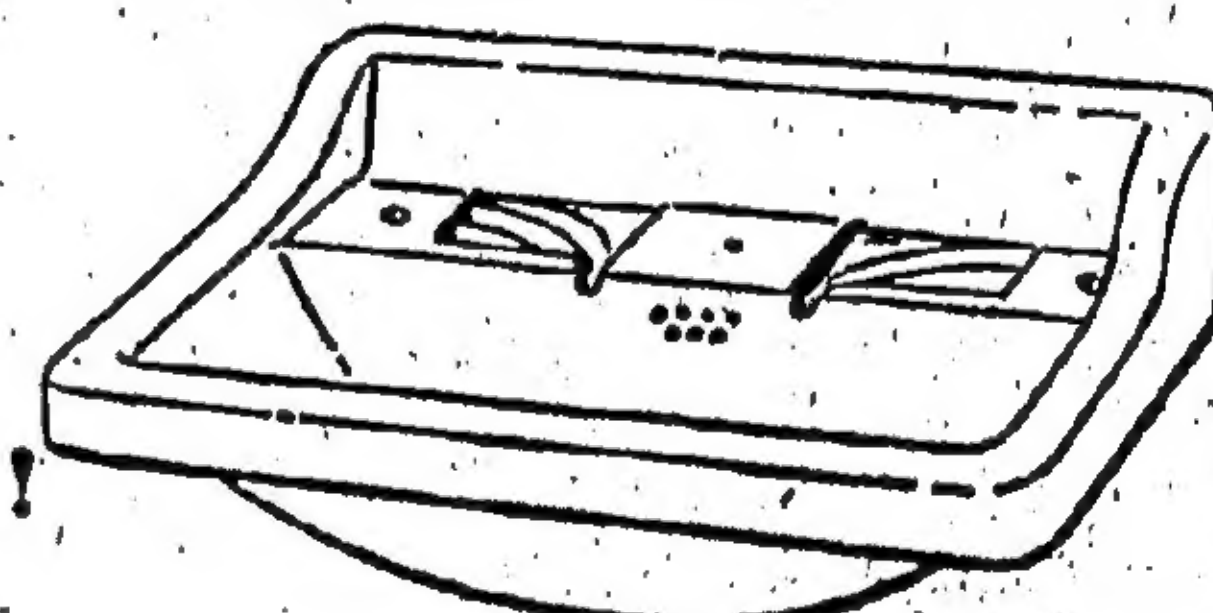
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455, 461, 462, 465, 474, 476  
480, 505

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## New Advertisements

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

#### NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Voting Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 17th May, 1929, at 5.10 p.m.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1929.

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fifth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th May and on Monday, 20th May, 1929, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries will close at 12 o'clock noon on Wednesday, 8th May, 1929.

### THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-eight Ordinary, General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1929, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1928.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1929, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON  
AND CO., LTD.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1929.

### UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

### THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

### BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong.)

#### NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 24th May, 1929, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1928, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 6th May to 24th May, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
PAUL LAUDER,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

## G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

#### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Containing	Area	Approx. Value
1	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon	100 feet by 100 feet	1 Acre	10000	\$10,000
2	Prince Edward Road, Kowloon	100 feet by 100 feet	1 Acre	10000	\$10,000

## G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 6th day of May, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land near Prince Edward Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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#### NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Archibald Ritchie, Chartered Accountant, has been admitted a partner in our Hongkong business as from 1st January, 1929.

LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Chartered Accountants.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1929.

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#### WHIST DRIVES.

Whist Drives will commence at the Police Club.

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Secretary.

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HERBERT R. STURT,  
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Hongkong, 29th April, 1929.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on SATURDAY,  
the 4th May, 1929,  
commencing at 11 a.m.

at their Sales Room,  
Duddell Street.

15 Sacks Flour,  
4 Cases Canned Sardines,  
also

A Quantity of Personal Effects,  
Furniture and Miscellaneous  
Goods and

(for account of the concerned)  
About 103000 "PALACE"  
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About 23500 "MAI FONG"  
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These Cigarettes are at present  
stored in the Ground Floor of  
No. 109, End De Gulmarao,  
Macau.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

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#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on MONDAY,  
the 6th May, 1929,  
commencing at 11 a.m.

at Godown No. 12, The Hongkong  
& Kowloon Wharf & Godown  
Co., Ltd., Kowloon.

157 Bales Newspaper,  
to be sold in small lots.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from Messrs. Yue Lee Yuen to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,  
the 6th May, 1929,  
at 12 o'clock Noon.

at their Sales Room,  
Duddell Street.

(for account of Lam Chun  
successor to To Heung Hop)  
successor to Po Heung Hop)

500 Bags Java White Sugar,  
now stored in the godowns of  
The China Provident Loan &  
Mortgage Co., Ltd.,  
Connaught Road, West.

Terms:—As Customary

LAMMERT BROS.,  
Auctioneers.

#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on MONDAY,  
the 6th May 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell  
Street, Hongkong

The Steamship "DERWENT"  
(YUET CHOW) formerly known  
as Steamship "KAM NING" as she  
now lies off Yaumati, Hongkong.

#### Particulars.

Length ..... 329' 1"  
Breadth ..... 36' 6"  
Depth ..... 25' 6"  
Gross Tonnage ..... 2410  
Net Tonnage ..... 1562  
Average Sea Speed 11/12 Knts.  
Hongkong Load Line Certificate  
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#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY,  
the 7th May, 1929,  
commencing at 11 a.m.

at No. 64B, Nathan Road,  
Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household  
Furniture.

(Catalogues will be issued)  
On View from Monday, the 6th  
May, 1929.

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LAMMERT BROS.,  
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#### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY,  
the 7th May, 1929,  
commencing at 5.15 p.m.

at their Sales Room,  
Duddell Street.

A Collection of Valuable Postage  
Stamps.  
(Particulars from Catalogue)  
On View now.

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## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

#### WILH. WILHELMSEN.

### THE NORWEGIAN, AFRICA & AUSTRALIA LINE.

The Motorship,

#### "TUNGSHA"

having arrived from Norway via  
ports on 2nd May, 1929, consignees  
of cargo are hereby notified that all  
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into the non-hazardous, hazardous  
and/or extra hazardous godowns of  
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf  
and Godown Co., Ltd., whence  
delivery may be obtained. Goods not  
cleared after the 6th May, 1929,  
will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged  
packages are to be left in the god-  
down where they will be examined on  
the 8th May, at 10 a.m.

No claims will be admitted unless  
notified and/or application for survey  
made in writing within seven days  
after landing of the goods, or in any  
case before the goods are taken  
delivery of.

Claims will not be recoverable  
unless complete accounts are sent in  
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charge of vessel.

No Fire Insurance will be effected  
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Bills of Lading will be counter-  
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Hongkong, 2nd May, 1929.

#### AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

From U. S. A.

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godowns of Hoile's Wharf, whence  
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after  
the Goods have left the Godowns,  
and all Goods remaining undelivered  
after 8th May, 1929, will be subject  
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer  
must be presented to the Undersigned  
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they will not be recognized.

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General Agents.

Shanghai and Europe via Siberia .. Pres. Taft .. Mon, May 13, 1929.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,  
East and South Africa, Egypt,  
and Europe via Marseilles .. Hector .. Tues, May 14, 1929.

Registration .. 8 p.m.  
Letters .. 4.30 p.m.  
G.P.O. ..

Registration .. 4.15 p.m.  
Letters .. 1.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 25th June.)

Manila .. Pres. McKinley .. Sat, May 11, 1929.

Registration .. 7.15 p.m.  
Letters .. 4.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 25th June.)

Manila .. Pres. Hayes .. Sat, May 18, 1929.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

#### INWARD MAILS.

From .. Per .. Due ..  
Shanghai .. May 4 ..  
Shanghai and Swatow .. May 4 ..  
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan, and Shang-  
hai .. Pres Van Buren .. May 4 ..  
Europe via Negapatam, papers only .. Kutsang .. May 5 ..  
London 4th April .. Aratara .. May 5 ..  
Japan .. Tanda .. May 5 ..  
Australia and Manila ..  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-  
hai .. President Taft .. May 6 ..  
Manila .. Pres Jackson .. May 6 ..  
Straits .. Perim Jackson .. May 6 ..  
Saloon .. Sphinx .. May 7 ..  
Japan .. Himalaya Maru .. May 7 ..  
Japan and Shanghai .. Athos II .. May 8 ..  
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai .. Emp. of Asia .. May 8 ..  
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai .. Pres McKinley .. May 10 ..  
Japan and Shanghai .. Kalyan .. May 10 ..  
Manila .. Pres. Taft .. May 18 ..  
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-  
hai .. Pres. Hayes .. May 18 ..

#### OUTWARD MAILS.

For .. Per .. Date and Time ..  
Tourane .. Chung Kong .. Fri, May 3, 3.30 p.m.  
Formosa .. Koroimiko .. Fri, May 3, 4 p.m.  
Sam Shui and Wuchow .. Tai Hing .. Fri, May 3, 4.30 p.m.  
Straits .. Takilwa .. Fri, May 3, 5 p.m.  
Shanghai .. Tungsha .. Fri, May 3, 6 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius,  
East and South Africa, Aden,  
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles .. Haruna Maru .. Sat, May 4, 1929.

Registration May 3, 4.30 p.m.  
Letters .. May 4, 9 a.m.  
G.P.O. ..

Registration May 4, 8.45 a.m.  
Letters .. 1.30 p.m.  
(Due Marseilles 2nd June.)







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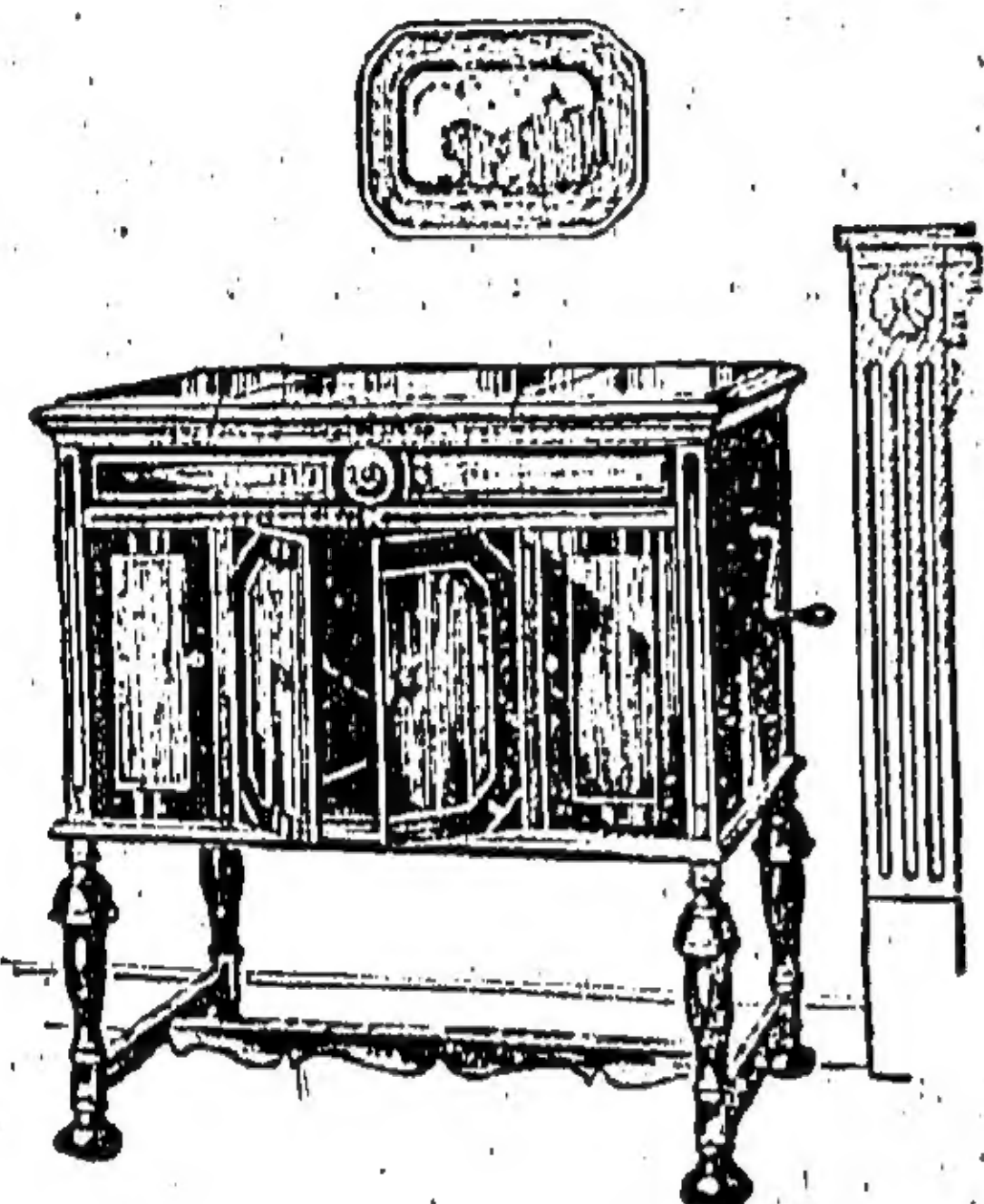
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FRIDAY MAY 3, 1929.

### FIRE DANGERS.

In the sense that they indicate that action of some sort is to be taken to minimise fire dangers in the Colony, the replies to questions asked by Mr. Braga and Mr. Shenton at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council may be considered reassuring. An analysis of the answers, however, makes it obvious that there has been a good deal of reminiscence in Government circles in the past, not only in regard to the leisurely manner in which the recommendations made two years ago have been dealt with, but also in the failure to see that the existing law is observed. On the former point, the matter of new regulations was, we are told, referred to the Attorney General who advised that legislation was necessary, but that the drafting of the Ordinance was allowed to await the formulation of regulations to be made thereunder. Eventually, the matter was passed on to the Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade, but, owing to the great difficulty of compiling practicable regulations, "the matter has made slow progress." It certainly has, seeing that the Committee reported as long ago as May, 1927.

Coming now to the suggested inspection of all large buildings and offices in the Colony, the Government asserts that the necessary staff to make immediate inspections is not available! This, we must confess, is a surprising confession. The number of buildings of the type which Mr. Braga had in mind when putting the question is not abnormally large, and we cannot see that very much time would be required to ascertain whether exits are provided, whether there are indicators showing the way to such exits as are provided, and whether passages are kept free from obstruction. We venture to suggest that if such an inspection were made, it would be found that many of these buildings, some of the modern ones amongst them, would be found to be inadequately equipped. It was, indeed, given in evidence at the King Edward Hotel inquiry that many of these blocks of buildings are virtual death-traps. That being the case, we cannot understand the Government's disinclination to cause a thorough investigation of the whole situation. Section 149 of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance is apparently of doubtful application to certain buildings, and it appears that fresh legislation would be necessary to amend it so as to enable modern safety requirements to be made enforceable in the case of all buildings, irrespective of age and prior certificates. The point involved is whether the interests of the public should now outweigh hardships on owners of property. The Government is not satisfied that drastic legislation of the kind indicated is called for. On this issue, we quite appreciate the fact that such legislation, if strictly enforced, would render necessary the reconstruction of much of the house property existing in Hongkong. That is the kernel of the problem. The fact is, of course, that risks have now to be run because of past Government laxity. In this connection, we are told that opinions have varied as to what is reasonable in the way of provision of fire escapes, but that much stricter views have prevailed in recent years. That smacks rather of attempting to pass the blame on to previous Government officials.

What we should like to know, however, is if the Government seriously suggests that it cannot henceforth undertake regular inspection of buildings to see that the existing law, such as it is, is being obeyed? The Building Authority as such may not have the staff, but surely some provision could be made to cope with the matter. What is the use of making laws if it becomes no-one's business to see that they are obeyed? Another point which has been suggested to us is that there are many blocks of flats and tenement houses built within relatively recent times without adequate fire-escape provision. If that is the case, who is to blame? The really old property is admittedly a problem, because wholesale reconstruction is out of the question. However, on this matter, as on the question of the big office blocks, it would be absurd for the Government merely to fold its arms and do nothing. The least that can be done is to clear up any misconceptions in the existing law, and enforce reasonable requirements, with due regard to the type of property involved. If staff inadequacy makes enforcement impossible, then staffs must be increased, for human life is more precious than money.

### Water Discrimination.

This morning's welcome rain, probably the heaviest fall of the year, should serve to increase the quantity of water in the Colony's storage reservoirs, though not to an extent which would justify a removal of the newly imposed restrictive measures. The most rigid economy, we are prepared to believe, is still most essential and the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cross's earnest request for the co-operation of the public in preventing waste has lost none of its point. In this direction at least, facts are coming to light, however, which rather suggest that if the Water Authority is securing the co-operation for which he asks, he is getting a great deal more than is honestly deserved. The notice issued last month, warning residents of the proposals in the absence of adequate rainfall, announced that the water supply in Kowloon and Hongkong would be cut off daily between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. from the 1st May. Had this notice been carried out in the spirit and the letter, residents would readily resign themselves to the small amount of hardship imposed, and pay no more, but we are definitely assured that this is not the case. Although Kowloon supply was cut off on the night of April 30th, the Peak District still enjoys a full service, a flagrant case of seeming discrimination against which the strongest protest is scarcely adequate. Such a state of affairs is grossly unfair to the rest of the Colony, and particularly to Kowloon, which, it is likely, has sufficient supplies to maintain full service for some months even if the Government is already robbing Peter to pay Paul. And Kowloon's complaint does not end here. Experiences in different parts of the Peninsula have been slightly different, but in some cases it has been impossible to obtain water from 6 p.m. one evening until 3

### DAY BY DAY.

PEOPLE TALK OF THIS GLORIOUS ARDOURS OF YOUTH! RUBBISH! COMPARED WITH YOUR CYNIC OF TWENTY, SIMON, LIVING 'ON ROOTS', WAS A SWEET AND PLEASANT FELLOW TRUST.—John A. Stewart.

The E. and A. Company's s.s. Aratuna is due here from Moji on Sunday.

The B.I. s.s. Tandra is due here from Manila, with the Australian mails, on Sunday.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of typhoid (one Indian and the other Chinese), as well as one Chinese case of small-pox.

The Colonial Secretary advises that quarantine restrictions have been imposed here on all arrivals from Shanghai on account of cerebro-spinal meningitis.

The Ben Line s.s. Benchrachan from Hong Kong and Straits ports is due here on Monday, when the s.s. Benrich from Hong Kong, Straits and Philippines ports is also due.

Convicted on a charge of assaulting a woman at a street water fountain, a Chinese shop foh was fined \$10, or 14 days' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The defendant was further ordered to sign a bond for his good behaviour.

The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga has kindly consented to distribute the prizes to the successful competitors at the conclusion of the Sacred Heart College fifth annual athletic sports on Saturday at the Kowloon Football Club Ground. The half-mile race open to the Colony, entrance free, post entry, is timed to take place at 3.30 p.m.

A fine of \$10 was imposed by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese who was convicted of a charge of assaulting a woman who was stated to have been in a certain condition at the time of the assault. Detective Inspector Fallon said the woman, who had been in hospital since April 21, was now completely out of danger. His Worship informed the defendant that he had no right to strike a woman, no matter how angry he had been.

### 21 YEARS AGO.

#### SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended May 3rd, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10½d.

M. Nalin was appointed acting Agent for the Messageries Maritimes in Hongkong.

Local architects reported to the Sanitary Board on the proposed amendment of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance. They criticised the powers invested in the Head of the Sanitary Department and the transferring to the Building Authority powers previously held by the Sanitary Board.

There was a spirited debate in the Legislative Council on the amended Health and Buildings Ordinance, but the measure passed its second reading.

Mr. James Craik was appointed Acting Secretary of the Hongkong Club.

At the inquest on the late Mr. A. H. Rennie, general manager of the Hongkong Milling Co., held before Mr. J. H. Kemp with Messrs. J. C. Gow, J. H. Seth and T. Hunter as jurors, a verdict of suicide whilst of unsound mind was returned.

p.m. the next afternoon, while others have been more fortunate and discovered "a trickle coming through in the middle of the morning. The Government is lacking its problem in a most unsatisfactory manner and the sooner a sense of responsibility to the whole Colony, and not to a favoured few, is the guiding principle, the better. Incidentally, it is probable that more water has been wasted in the past three days than in any similar period for months. The storage of water in bath-tubs overnight, and the pulling of the plug on the following day when the supply is resumed; the water which finds its way down street drains when queues of people with herosone tins rattle their way to the street fountains; these are much more dangerous sources of waste than leaking taps. The rainy season is of course, approaching rapidly, and the Government, no doubt, hopes to blunder through somehow.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

Some Queries.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—During the recent Royal visit, I saw for the first time a resplendent launch named the "Lila." Can any of your readers inform me for what purpose public money was spent upon the construction of this craft? She seems somewhat large for harbour work.

On this subject of the expenditure of public funds, I was informed to-day that a riding track is to be made round about Mount

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

More Royal Pictures Will Appear To-morrow.

Amongst the illustrations in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will be quite a number of new pictures of the Duke of Gloucester's visit to Hongkong. These will show His Royal Highness as a jockey at the Race Meeting, and also depict him chatting with residents at the garden party on the Cricket Club ground, of which there will be a fine general view as well.

An interesting group will show all the Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, and Sea Scouts who were inspected by the Duke, together with their officers.

Sports pictures, besides those of the Race Meeting, will include the football final between the Somerset and the Chinese Athletics; and the boxing team of H.M.S. Hermes.

There will also appear a bridal group taken at the wedding of Lieut. K. Maurice Jones and Miss Margaret Ada Kent; another of members of the Canton branch of the St. George's Society, taken at Sharncliffe; and a photo taken at the annual dinner of the Canton Masonic Club; as well as a striking picture of the recent fire on Mount Cameron, taken from Kowloon.

Cameron. If this is correct, it would be interesting to learn what section of the community this intended to benefit, and the question immediately suggests itself whether the money involved could not have been spent upon the provision of much-needed bathing facilities.

—Yours, etc., ZEITGEIST.

Hongkong, May 2nd, 1929.

## BRIDGE MADE EASY

by  
W. W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

Opening Blindly.—4.

In the illustrations which follow, east has not bid and south has won the contract at one heart. West's holdings are shown and the correct blind opening leads accompany the illustrations.

1—Spades, Q J 10 8; hearts, 5 4 3 2; diamonds, A 6; clubs, K 7 5.

West should lead the spade Queen. In leading, the aim is to establish a suit. That headed by Queen-Jack is called "the big driver." You will often find the King in dummy and if your partner holds the spade Ace you may make all of your spades good. Mirror the position of the outstanding high cards before your opening lead.

2—Spades, K Q J; hearts, 5 4 3 2; diamonds, Q J 10 8; clubs, 6 3.

West should lead the spade King. This suit can probably be established more readily than the diamond suit.

3—Spades, K 8 7 6; hearts, 4; diamonds, Q 8 7 6; clubs, J 8 7 6.

West should lead the spade 6. It furnishes the declarer with the least advantage and leaves west with maximum protection in the other suits. Do not lead away from a King suit.

4—Spades, A K J; hearts, 4 3; diamonds, 8 7 4 3; clubs, Q J 10 6.

West should lead the spade King and if the card played by partner is not such as to encourage continuing spades, west should lead the club Queen at the next opportunity. Switching conveys to partner a perfect picture of west's holding.

## The Very Idea!

"One is just as likely to have dyspepsia from the nagging of a wife or husband as from a gastric ulcer," said Dr. Bernard Hollander in an address at the South Place Ethical Society's meeting. Digestion, he said, was dependent on the mental state almost as much as on any other factor.

"Often it is not real misfortune which disturbs the health," he declared, "but the trifling, nothings, the petty annoyances, and the pin-pricks of life which cause emotional reactions and, by their constant repetition, produce nervous exhaustion."

"The general nutrition of the body is influenced by our emotions. Anxiety enervates its victims, faith, hope and courage assist in strengthening the body."

"The man of violent temper gives himself a dose of poison, just as if he had swallowed it. Similarly the toxin produced by fear acting on the brain, and sympathetic system is one of the most powerful poisons introduced into the blood."

He said to sufferers from sleeplessness: "Do not carry the worries of the day to bed and review them there. People should keep their bedrooms holy. I mean that all business of the day and all disturbing elements should be settled before entering the bedroom."

Inquisitive old lady (to horn player)—"Do tell me why you place your hand in the bell of your instrument when you are playing?"

Horn player (an old soldier)—"Well, confidential-like, m'm, I have to do that to 'lde me tongue, so that people won't think I'm rude."

Sir Robert Horne dealt very neatly with Mr. Snowden's sympathy for taxation when he was speaking at the Anti-Socialist and Anti-Communist meeting at the Queen's Hall. Mr. Snowden's view that taxation was to be regarded as a stimulus to industry, he said, reminded him of the story of a man who was found dead in a Glasgow street.

Witnesses were asked: "Did you do nothing to resuscitate the man?" "Och aye!" was the reply, "we went through all his pockets."

The application made at a London police court by a woman who stated that the man to whom she had sold her house had found newspapers "worth thousands of pounds" in a wall call to mind a collection of facsimiles of old newspapers which was published at a cheap price many years ago.

One of the papers discovered is said to deal with the execution of Guy Fawkes. Another was a reprint of the Times with an account of the death of Nelson, and though one does not recall anything about Mary Queen of Scots, the death-warrant of King Charles I. was among the facsimiles in question.

If this is the collection which has come to light it would not, of course, be worth thousands of pounds. The original cost was sixpence or a shilling.

Aberdeen grocer (to applicant for situation): "If I bought an article at 3d. per lb and sold it at 6d. per lb, what percentage of profit would I make?"

Applicant: "One per cent."

Grocer: "You can start on Monday."

I would rather trust a man's word than a woman's.—A woman at Shoreditch County Court.

Constable at Highgate: When I told the prisoner he was drunk he replied: "That is not news; I know it."

Wilkesden Landlady: Nine years ago I took in a family for a few days until they found a flat and still I can't get them out.

Some husbands are very trying.—Mr. McKenna, the Lambeth magistrate.

### EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 2.
Paris	124.174
New York	485.7/82
Brussels	34.95
Genoa	25.10
Amsterdam	12.07
Milan	92.04
Berlin	20.47
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.10
Oslo	18.10
Vienna	104
Hamburg	103
Madrid	33.604
Lisbon	108.4
Athens	87.6
Bucharest	81.4
Rio	5.20/82
Buenos Aires	47.6/16
Bombay	1/5.20/82
Shanghai	2/64
Hongkong	1/114
Yokohama	1/10.1/16
Silver (spot and forward)	25.4

—British Wireless.



## MOSCOW MAY DAY FAILURE.

PLOT SUCCEEDS ONLY IN GERMANY.

UNPLEASANT SCENE IN THE REICHSTAG.

## FRENCH PRECAUTION.

Berlin, May 2. Since the serious rioting in the Pankratz and elsewhere last night, Berlin has been quiet, and the authorities are not apprehensive of further outbreak on any large scale.

The scene during the street fighting last night is more easily imagined than described. The mob appeared to be mad for some time. The official casualty list gives the number seriously wounded or injured as 80, but it is believed that a large number of rioters were badly hurt, apart from those picked up and sent to hospital.

Nearly 200 to be Tried.

The police effected over 900 arrests, and at least 175 of these have been detained and are to be charged with resisting the authority of the State and with disturbing the peace.

Three policemen were killed and more than twenty-five injured. A Socialist newspaper to-day remarks: "Moscow must be satisfied with the zeal of the German Communists, who obeyed their orders to resist the police and caused the blood-bath they desired."

Relaxing Incident.

The tension developed was revealed in the Reichstag to-day when the Communist members of the House created an unpleasant scene at the opening because their demand for a debate on yesterday's happenings was refused.

The Communists launched a bitter attack on the Government afterwards leaving in a body singing the Internationale and calling out "Down with the murderers."

French Measures.

Paris, May 2. The strong measures adopted by the Paris police to prevent the threatened disturbances on May Day is best shown by the official information that over 3,500 suspected Communists were placed under arrest and detained for the day.

Over 3,000 were released early this morning, and later in the day, except for a few wanted on other offences, the majority of the remainder were set free.

Only five foreigners and eight Frenchmen have been detained as a direct outcome of yesterday's arrests.—*Reuter*.

Moscow Fails.

London, May 2. Moscow's agitation to create serious May Day trouble throughout Europe seems to have been frustrated everywhere except in Germany. Here and there untoward incidents have occurred, but generally authorities have maintained control of the situation.

In England there was no sign of disturbance, and in most other countries, no trouble was experienced.

Reuter's correspondents throughout Europe indicate that police mobilisation in the various capitals yesterday was on the biggest scale ever known. The Police opened fire at Kovno and a number of Communists who defied the ban against demonstrations were reported killed. The death roll at Berlin is very likely to be increased as about a score are in hospital in a desperate condition. Nineteen were injured in rioting at Kapfenberg (Styria).

A Geneva Demonstration.

While the Soviet delegates were attending the discussions of the Disarmament Committee yesterday morning, two of their employees, who are Genevese Communists, headed a demonstration of Communists who tried to induce workers to leave the factories, and also demonstrated at the Italian Consulate until dispersed by the police.

The Soviet Delegation has disclaimed responsibility for their acts.—*Reuter*.

In America.

New York, May 2. Ten thousand people demonstrated in Union Square at the first officially sanctioned Labour Day parade since the war. There was no disorder.—*Reuter's American Service*.

Fresh Outbreak.

Berlin, May 3. There has been a renewal of the Communist rioting here, and so far one person has been reported killed and five seriously injured.—*Reuter*.

## CHINESE FESTIVAL SEQUEL.

SERIOUS OVERCROWDING OF VESSELS.

EXEMPLARY FINES.

Although two vessels have been leaving every morning for Chek-ung during the Leung Ma Festival, the demand for accommodation has been more than the vessels can offer. The result is that those who could not obtain accommodation on these steamers have had recourse to launches and junks as a means of conveyance to this popular place of worship.

Launches and junks have therefore done a roaring trade during the last few days, and even cargo boats, which are not allowed to carry passengers, have undergone the risk of arrest in order to earn a few dollars.

The masters of several junks were brought before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, the charges against them being either for carrying an excess of passengers or for carrying passengers contrary to the conditions on their licences. His Worship took a serious view of all the offences and heavy fines were imposed on all.

"If a man obtains a special privilege and starts abusing it, he deserves to get all that's coming to him," said his Worship in a case in which Ho Kam-shing, the master of a cargo boat, was charged with committing a breach of conditions of his licence by carrying passengers. His Worship found that the defendant had a special permit to leave for Chek-ung, but one of the conditions in the permit was that defendant was to carry no passengers.

A fine of \$100, or three months was imposed.

Had 200 Passengers.

Cheung Wah, the master of a cargo boat, was charged with the same offence, carrying no less than 220 passengers.

Inspector Andrews, who was in Court, asked his Worship to take a serious view of the case. The defendant was stopped, said Insp. Andrews, by Mr. Hillier, of the Harbour Office, at 8.20 a.m. yesterday and was sent back to Yau-mat. Despite Mr. Hillier's order, the defendant did what he had set out to do as soon as Mr. Hillier was out of sight. He was arrested by the police at 3.30 p.m. with 220 passengers on board.

Mr. Hillier, continued Insp. Andrews, had already taken out a summons against the defendant, but in view of the fact that as the police were prosecuting, the summons taken out by Mr. Hillier had been withdrawn.

His Worship intimated that the maximum penalty was \$100 and he could not fine defendant more than that amount.

Insp. Andrews: Will your Worship deal with his licence?

Commr. Hole: Refer this to the Harbour Master, will you please?

Defendant was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour.

The masters of two trading junks were brought before his Worship for carrying excess of passengers, 19 more than the number allowed in one case, and 64 in the other. The one who carried 19 passengers in excess was fined \$20, while the other defendant, in view of the number he carried in excess, was fined \$65.

Two masters and one mistress of cargo boats appeared on the charge of committing a breach of conditions of their licences by carrying passengers. The woman's boat carried 64 passengers and she was fined \$80; one of the two masters whose boat carried 45 was fined \$45; and the other, whose boat carried 37, was fined \$40.

## DETECTIVE STABBED IN LIP.

SUSPECT ALSO WOUNDS PEDESTRIAN.

Viewing with suspicion the presence of a group of three men in Canton Road, Kowloon, last night, a Chinese detective held them up with the intention of searching them.

One of the suspects suddenly whipped out a knife, and stabbed the detective in the upper lip, inflicting a rather serious wound. He then turned the weapon on a Chinese pedestrian who had come to the aid of the detective, and inflicted a cut which, fortunately, was only superficial.

In an official report issued this morning, the information is given that one of the suspected men was arrested while endeavouring to get away from the spot. The detective has been admitted into hospital.

## DEATH OF SIR G. BUTLER.

WELL-KNOWN POLITICIAN PASSES AWAY.

IN NURSING HOME.

London, May 2. Sir Geoffrey Butler, Member of Parliament for Cambridge University, died in a London Nursing Home to-day. He recently announced that because of illness he would not stand at the coming election.

In the present Parliament, Sir Geoffrey had been Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Minister for Air. He founded Cambridge University Air Squadron.—*British Wireless*.

On Ceylon Commission. The late Sir Geoffrey Butler had sat as a Conservative for Cambridge University since 1923. At the last election, when there were three candidates for two seats, he was second on the poll, with 4,023 votes, the unsuccessful candidate being Mr. J. R. M. Butler, M.V.O. (Independent), who polled 3,241 votes. It is interesting to note that the deceased was one of the three prominent British politicians appointed in 1927 to draw up a new Constitution for Ceylon.

He was educated at Clifton and Trinity College, Cambridge (Major Scholar). He has been identified with the famous University for many years past. He won the Chancellor's Medal for English verse in 1908, and was President of the Union, 1910; Editor of the Cambridge Review, 1910; Syndic of the University Library, 1920; Prorector in Diplomatic History, Corpus Christi College, since 1920; Occasional lecturer before the University of Pennsylvania, 1913-14-16; Drexel Institute, 1918; and Examiner Historical Tripos, 1915-22-23.

With Balfour Mission.

During 1925 he was temporarily employed on important work in the Foreign Office, and accompanied the Balfour Mission to the United States of America in 1917. During 1917-19 he was Director of the British Bureau of Information in America. In 1921 Sir Geoffrey was appointed President of the Cambridge University Conservative Association, and two years later was elected to the Council of the Royal Historical Society. He was Chairman of the Committee on Air, O.T.C.s, in 1925; and was a member of the Home Office Committee on Legal Aid to Poor Persons, which sat during the same year.

His publications include "The Tory Tradition," published in 1913; "Handbook to the League of Nations," 1919; "Studies in Statecraft," 1920; "Historical Manuscripts in the Library of Corpus, Cambridge," 1920.

## FOOTPADS HOLD UP WOMEN.

INCIDENT ON TAIPO ROAD.

Two Chinese women, who were returning home from a visit to Shatin, were held up by robbers on the Taiipo Road yesterday.

It is stated that they were overtaken at the 5½ mile stone by two men, who, threatening them with a knife, forced them to go up the hillside, where they were relieved of their trinkets and a small sum of money.

The total haul did not amount to more than \$5.



"The spring in the air makes a feller sorta lazy."

## SUSPECTED OPIUM DIVAN.

MAN AND WIFE CHARGED AT MAGISTRACY.

FORGED LABEL FIND.

A raid by officers of the Revenue Department on a suspected opium divan at No. 9, Hill Road, was this morning described to Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy, when two Chinese, man and wife, were charged.

Revenue Officer Grimmit said that when he entered the premises, he found the man and woman in occupation of one of the cubicles as principal tenants of the floor. Hanging from the window was a sack containing a number of opium tins, bearing forged Government Monopoly labels, while a parcel containing further false labels was also found.

When interrogated by witnesses, the man said the opium and labels belonged to the woman; and, in turn, the woman said they were brought to the premises by her brother who was in Canton. Witness had no opinion, but to take both the man and woman into custody.

In reply to his Worship, witness said it was possible that a runner was employed in the case to bring the contraband down from Canton, although whether that individual was a brother of the woman, as she had said, witness could not say.

The case was adjourned for a week, the defendants being charged with the possession of non-monopoly opium and of forged monopoly labels.

## PRINCE'S MISSION FULFILLED.

(Continued from Page 1.)

had raised his foot into a small stand placed there for the purpose. The other insignia were, each in turn, then presented to the Japanese Ruler, and the Prince and his suite then fell back bowing deeply and retired from the room to the soft strains of "God Save the King," played once more by the hidden band.

Thus ended the main ceremony for which Prince Henry has journeyed to Japan and, for the third time in history, a Japanese Emperor is numbered among the illustrious few holding the highest order of British knighthood.—*Reuter*.

The Duke Decorated.

A Reuter's message to hand as we go to press, states that the Emperor of Japan has conferred upon the Duke of Gloucester, the Grand Order of the Chrysanthemum, with Collar, which is the highest Japanese decoration.

It is held by only two Japanese subjects, Admiral Togo and Prince Saionji.

## JAPANESE REACH A SETTLEMENT.

Hankow, May 2.

It is understood that the incident which gave rise to the anti-Japanese boycott, the killing of a couple by a Japanese motor-cyclist, has been settled. Compensation is to be paid and the boycott declared off.

## KWANGSI'S PEACE TERMS.

INCLUDE THE RELEASE OF LI CHAI-SUM.

CANTON PARLEYS.

Canton, May 3. The tense situation here in regard to the possibility of war against Kwangsi has somewhat relaxed as the result of conversations between the Canton authorities and General Kung Kit-yuen, the personal delegate of General Wang Shao-hung, the Kwangsi leader.

It is stated that the Kwangsi leaders will pledge their allegiance to Nanking on the following conditions:

(1) That Marshal Li Chai-sum be given his freedom.

(2) That the order for the dismissal of Marshal Li Chai-sum, Generals Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hsi, from the Kuomintang Membership be rescinded and that all allegations against their character be withdrawn.

(3) That instructions be given by the Nanking Government to stop all troop movements for the purpose of launching an attack on Kwangsi.

(4) That General Wang Yuk-cho be appointed Special Officer for Disbandment and Re-organisation of the Kwangsi troops and General Ng Ting-yung be appointed Chairman of the Kwangsi Branch Political Council, while appointments for all other departments be left to the discretion of the Nanking Government.

If these conditions are approved, General Wang Shao-hung will resign all his posts, and will go abroad with General Li Chung-yen and Pei Chung-hsi.

It is understood that the Canton leaders have agreed to telegraph these conditions to Nanking.—*Nam Chung Po*.

## A YOUNG GERMAN STOWAWAY.

CHECKY TO A CHIEF OFFICER.

A young German, named Li Kohchun, who pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to a charge of stowing away from Singapore on board the m. s. Delhi, protested against the behaviour of the Chief Officer, whom he accused of having assaulted him.

It was stated that the Chief Officer found the defendant in the hold the day after the ship's departure from Singapore. He was questioned and was checky to the officer, who hit him twice. The defendant, it was further stated, had been placed on board a Dutch steamer at Singapore to be sent back to Germany, but he had run away and stowed away on the Delhi. A fine of \$50, or one month's hard labour, was imposed.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

WHERE THEY ARE MOORED.

The following is the disposition of warships in port to-day.

North Wall Basin.—H.M.S. Titania and submarines.  
South Wall Basin.—H.M.S. Scamew.  
North Arm.—R.F.A. Francol.  
West Wall Dock.—H.M.S. Cornwall.  
In Dock.—L16, L20. H.M.S. Marazion and Poet Chaucer.  
No. 1 buoy.—H.M.S. Hermes.  
No. 8 buoy.—H.M.S. Bruce.  
No. 10 buoy.—H.M.S. Seraph.  
No. 11 buoy.—H.M.S. Sepoy.  
H.M.S. Sterling.  
No. 12 buoy.—H.M.S. Sirdar.  
H.M.S. Somme.  
No. 13 buoy.—H.M.S. Serapis.  
H.M.S. Thracian.  
No. 23 buoy.—U.S. gunboat Guam; French Argus.

## FATAL MOTOR BUS MISHAP.

SMALL GIRL KILLED IN KOWLOON.

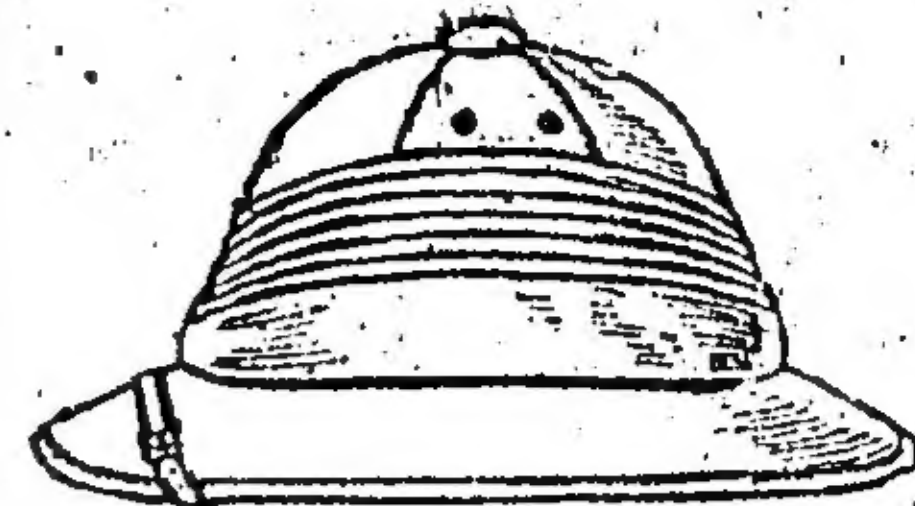
Knocked down by a motor-bus in Canton Road yesterday, a small Chinese girl received injuries from which she died almost immediately.

In a report to the police, the driver of the bus, which belongs to the China Motor-Bus Company, said the girl unexpectedly appeared on the roadway from the pavement, and, although he swerved, he could not avoid the girl, who was knocked down and run over by the vehicle.

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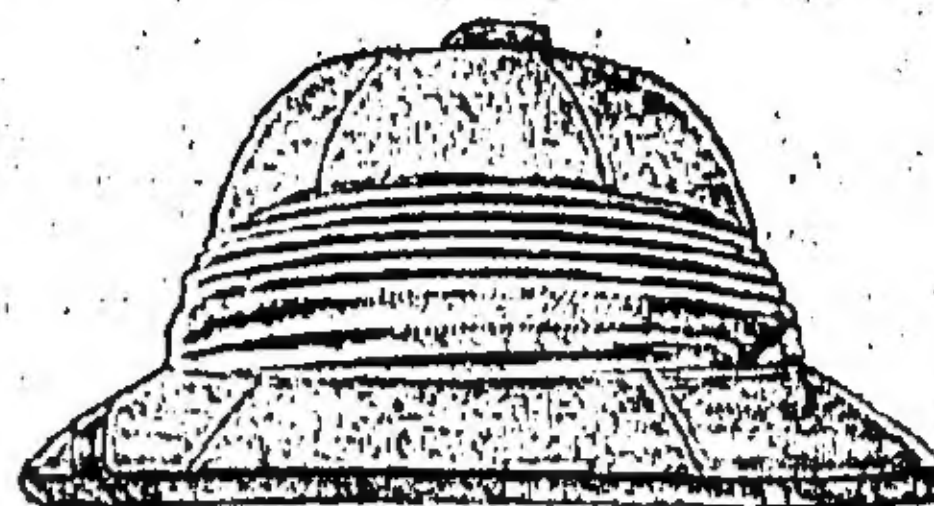


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### U.S. BASEBALL.

#### RESULTS AND LEAGUE POSITIONS.

New York, Apr. 27.  
To-day's baseball results were as follows:

National League.			
	R	H	E
Cincinnati	7	12	1
St. Louis (1st game)	2	7	3
Cincinnati	3	7	3
St. Louis	7	9	1
Philadelphia	8	11	1
Brooklyn	8	7	1
Chicago	8	15	1
Pittsburg	7	14	0
Boston	5	10	0
New York	4	10	4

Yesterday's results were as follows:

National League.			
	R	H	E
Philadelphia	5	5	2
Brooklyn	7	8	1
Boston	4	6	1
New York	2	5	1
Chicago	1	11	3
Pittsburg	6	8	1
Cincinnati	2	4	2
St. Louis	9	17	0

American League.

	R	H	E
New York	2	6	1
Philadelphia	5	11	0
Boston	2	6	0
Washington	1	8	0
Cleveland	11	20	1
Detroit	5	12	3
St. Louis	7	8	0
Chicago	3	9	0

League Standings.

The League tables now stand thus:			
National League.			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Boston	5	2	.714
St. Louis	6	4	.600
Chicago	5	4	.555
Philadelphia	4	4	.500
Pittsburg	4	4	.500
New York	3	3	.500
Cincinnati	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	3	3	.500

American League.

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	4	2	.666
Philadelphia	5	3	.625
St. Louis	5	4	.555
Detroit	6	5	.545
Cleveland	5	5	.500
Boston	3	4	.428
Chicago	3	5	.375
Washington	3	5	.375

### FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.28 a.m.	R. S. Robertson and A. E. Lissaman.
9.32 a.m.	G. E. Mitchell and F. M. Ellis.
9.36 a.m.	E. D. Black and J. K. Shaw.
9.40 a.m.	I. Yates and E. Stone.
9.44 a.m.	M. G. Mills and J. H. Fox.
9.48 a.m.	J. Fleming and A. Ritchie.
9.52 a.m.	R. Young and Comdr. Brown.
9.56 a.m.	T. L. Christie and E. D. Lawrence.
10.00 a.m.	H. Spicer and D. J. Gilmore.
10.04 a.m.	J. S. Dykes and W. A. Weight.
10.08 a.m.	C. C. Stark and A. T. Lay.
10.12 a.m.	A. O. Brawn and E. J. Edwards.
10.16 a.m.	E. P. Fletcher and J. S. MacLaren.
10.20 a.m.	H. D. Brown and P. Jacks.
10.24 a.m.	W. C. Clark and S. S. Perry.
10.28 a.m.	J. P. Heard and B. J. Lecon.
10.32 a.m.	I. H. Geare and C. T. Fowle.
10.36 a.m.	R. K. Hepburn and A. Humphreys.
10.40 a.m.	J. W. Alabaster and A. P. Bungey.
10.44 a.m.	H. R. Sturt and H. G. Hegarty.
10.48 a.m.	A. Leach and T. S. Whyte-Smith.
10.52 a.m.	Major Beamish and D. G. G. MacDonald.

### LEAGUE TENNIS.

CHINESE R. C. TEAMS FOR TO-MORROW.

The following players will represent the C. R. C. in the Tennis League matches on Saturday.

"A" Division against Craigengower on home ground, commencing at 4 p.m. sharp: Ho Ka-lau (Acting Captain), Yew Man-kit, M. K. Lo, C. Chon, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lai Kwong-tsun.

"C" Division against Civil Service on Civil Service ground, commencing at 4 p.m.: Chiu Tsun-chiu (Captain), W. C. Hung, Kwok Po-kan, Lu Tak-lam, Lau Man-kwong.

### TREASURY FRAUDS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

you had again made an error?—

Yes. And you stepped across to Mr. Black's desk and did not even show him the book?—No.

Mr. Jenkins went on to question witness with regard to the altered numbers on the cheque book covers and agreed that if the numbers had been altered by the bank it would only have been necessary to alter the three last numbers. It did not strike him as regular that all five figures had been altered, neither did it strike him that a much more simple method of crossing the figures out instead of altering them could have been adopted.

Mr. Jenkins:—You still say that you thought that alteration was done in the 'Hongkong Bank'?—Not now, of course. I did at the time.

#### Safe Key Discovery.

Questioned with regard to the safe keys, witness said Mr. Mousa had a key and he had another one. The jury expressed a desire to see the other key and this was fetched from the Treasury, the members of the jury examining both keys. They expressed the view that one of the keys had been made locally. The foreman addressed His Lordship, who, in turn, informed counsel that it was passing through the jury's mind that if one key had been made locally others might have been made at the same time.

In reply to a question from the jury Tsang said that within his time the key of the safe in the Treasury had never been lost.

Dealing with routine cheques witness said that when making cheques out he left a certain number in the book for salaries, pensions and matters like that, so that the numbers would be consecutive.

Mr. Jenkins:—They being routine cheques, and being left in a wad in the book would they be signed by Mr. Black and Mr. Messer for you to fill them in?—No.

#### A Blackboard.

After informing His Lordship that the latter part of his cross examination would deal with what he alleged was Tsang's participation, Mr. Jenkins went on to deal with witness's handwriting, producing a large blackboard on which witness wrote examples of various letters.

In reply to questions he said that his formation of certain letters was haphazard. He never made a square "Z" and never made a "k" in the form in which it appeared on the Min Tak cheque.

Witness was handed a counterfeit and cheque, both of which he admitted filling in.

Mr. Jenkins pointed out that the counterfeit was written in witness's own handwriting, but described the writing in the body of the cheque as "peculiar."

"Schoolboy" Writing.

Witness explained that he was trying to do "schoolboy's" handwriting. It may be the purest coincidence, but November 3, the date of that cheque, is the date when Exhibit "C" was returned from the bank.

Why were you trying to do "schoolboy's" writing?—At the time I was not very busy.

Witness agreed that he could have practised such writing on a piece of paper instead of a Treasury cheque, but denied he was trying to do so if it would get past Mr. Messer.

Witness said he could give no other reason beyond the fact that he was not busy.

Witness agreed that he wrote another cheque dated Sept. 7 and agreed that he had used an entirely different "H" from his usual form. He said he had no reason for doing it, and it was done quite unconsciously.

It may be the purest coincidence, but that date was five days after Carvalho Yee opened his first banking account. I don't know.

In another routine cheque, witness denied having made a black "Z" into a tail "2" which, he said, was his usual writing on January 17.

Witness said he knew that the blackbook would come back from the Bank on January 17 and that it would be instrumental in discovering the frauds, but he denied that he made the black "Z" unconsciously and turned it into a tail "2" when he realised the blackbook was coming back.

I put it to you it is at least curious that they are referable to significant dates in the history of this case?—I don't need to understand. The case is proceeding.

### HINDU-MOSLEM CLASH IN BOMBAY.

TWO KILLED AND MANY INJURED.

Bombay, May 3.

Two people are believed to have been killed and several seriously injured as the result of a Hindu-Moslem clash in the Moslem quarter.

A constable who was also injured had to be sent to hospital. Rioter.

### DISOBEYED TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

KOWLOON CASE IN WHICH THERE WAS DOUBT.

Mr. F. Gourdin appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a summons which accused him of disobeying signals given by a constable for the direction to traffic at the junction of Nathan and Salisbury Roads. The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Evidence was given by the constable to the effect that the defendant, who was travelling along Chatham Road in a westerly direction while Chief Inspector Aris, who was driving a car along Nathan Road, was being given the right of way. Instead of stopping, the defendant passed the constable and turned into Nathan Road, causing the Chief Inspector to stop.

Chief Inspector Aris corroborated, but in reply to defendant said that he was sure the defendant went past the constable in the direction of the Star Ferry. He did not turn up Nathan Road. Remarking that there was some doubt about the case but that the weight of the evidence was in favour of the prosecution, his Worship registered a conviction but only cautioned the defendant.

### TRAFFIC CASES.

LADY WHO FORGOT HER LICENCE.

Among other traffic summonses heard this morning before Major C. Wilson, Miss V. E. Manning was charged for failing to produce her driver's licence when called upon to do so on the 21st April last.

Miss Manning said she had mistakenly taken another piece of paper with her, instead of her licence. She was fined \$1.

Two summonses were issued against Mr. C. Borandi, one for failing to show his driver's licence and the other for leaving his car unattended on the same date. He was ordered to pay a \$1 fine on each summons.

Mr. Leo Weil, of Messrs. Sennet Fraser, had to pay a fine of \$5 for passing another vehicle in the controlled traffic area.

### THE BALFOUR NOTE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

the leading principle of the Balfour Note.

Lord Birkenhead asked Lord Parmoor if he associated himself with the epithet "infamous" applied by Mr. Snowden to the Balfour Note.

Lord Parmoor replied that, quite frankly, he did not like it. He proceeded to criticise certain aspects of the debt settlement.

The Marquess of Salisbury congratulated Lord Parmoor upon having dissociated himself both from the word "repudiation" and the word "infamous" which had figured in Mr. Snowden's observations on Balfour Note.

Lord Parmoor's amendment was rejected by 89 votes to six, and Lord Birkenhead's motion was agreed to—British Wireless.

### BRITAIN AND THE SOVIET.

COLLIERY DIRECTOR URGES FRIENDSHIP.

London, May 3.

Mr. Dan Thomas, who is a colliery director and who recently accompanied the British trade delegation to Russia, has issued a statement in which he expressed the opinion that Britain should urge the immediate resumption of diplomatic relations with Russia, to enable Britain to participate in the enormous trade possibilities.

"Whether other nations like it or not," he says, "Russian nationality will find its own full expression."

Rupter.

H. R. H. the Duke of Gloucester was pleased to receive a pair of Sir William Crookes sun glasses from Messrs. Lazarus, the Opticians, whilst he was in the Colony.

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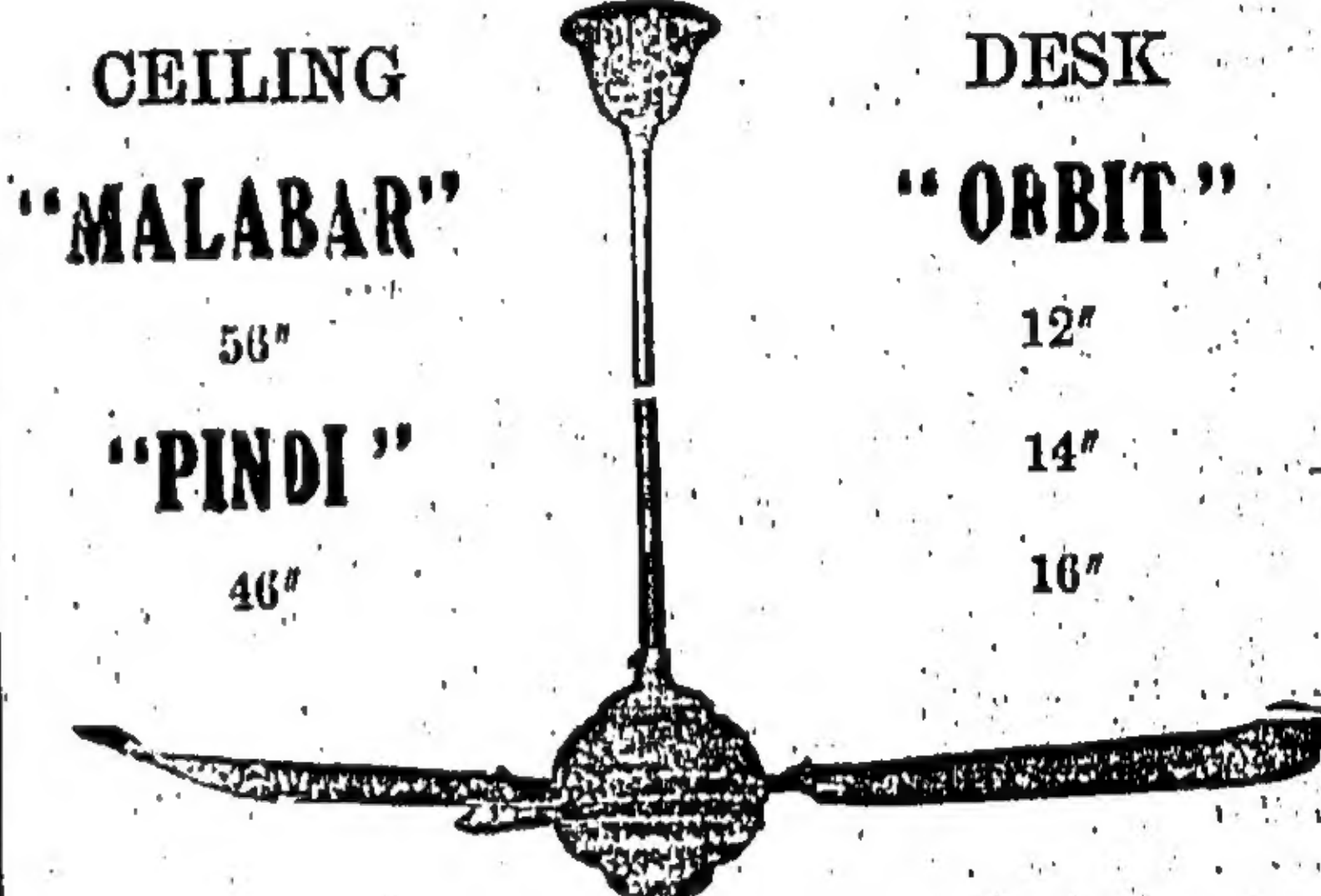
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## THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

## CHAPTER XXII.

"Miss Lester," McMann called to Ruth, who was hanging up her hat and coat, "you're familiar with Borden's letter files, of course. I wish you'd go through them and bring me every letter you can find that contains a threat of any kind. A promoter of his ilk is bound to have made bitter enemies, and I don't want to overlook any. Also, bring me his cancelled cheques for the last year. If he has been paying blackmail to anyone, I'd like to know it."

"Yes, Mr. McMann," Ruth agreed eagerly. She was grateful for any task that would keep her mind off Jack Hayward's almost inevitable arrest. And her respect for the detective was not letting the blackness of his case against Jack Hayward make him indolent or careless in opening up new avenues of investigation. A detective—McMann, not just a third-degree bully, as she had feared.

A few minutes later she entered Borden's private office, which the detective had made his own, and laid two bulky folders before him. "Mr. Borden, when I first came to work for him, told me he received many blackmail and death-threat letters from ruined investors, and instructed me to file all that I found in his mail in this folder. He pretended to laugh at them, but I'm sure he was afraid. I think he had a private detective or some sort of bodyguard."

McMann, obviously impressed, opened the folder and began to rifle through the odd collection of letters it contained. "That so? What gave you that impression, Miss Lester?"

"A big, uncouth-looking man, whom Mr. Borden called Jake—I never heard his last name—was in and out of the office frequently, and Mr. Borden always saw him," Ruth answered eagerly. "And if a new threat had been received in the mail, Mr. Borden always called for the folder when Jake made his next visit. Frequently, also, when Mr. Borden was still in his office when I left, I saw Jake hanging around in the hall, as if waiting to protect Mr. Borden. At least, that is the only explanation I could think of."

McMann frowned in intense concentration. Then: "Did this Jake have a key to the office, Miss Lester?"

Ruth shook her head. "I don't know. I don't know anything else about him at all. Of course I never asked Mr. Borden any questions, and he never volunteered any information."

McMann left the room, apparently to give instructions to Detective Birdwell in the outer office, then returned and began to study the letters again, frowning. "Nothing recent here," he said at last, closing the folder, "but of course I'll put a man on this job. Something may turn up, but I doubt it. Now let's see these cancelled cheques. You checked his bank statements for him, I suppose?"

"Yes. It was difficult, for he seldom made an entry on the stub, and when I questioned him about a blank stub in an effort to keep the record straight so that he would not overdraw, he would say, 'Oh, I don't know! Two or three hundred, I guess. Just charge it to "cash." Sometimes he drew as much as two or three thousand dollars out of the bank in a single week."

"Any cheques to women?" McMann demanded.

"Only to Mrs. Borden," Ruth told him.

"So 'Handsome Harry' was no woman's fool," McMann approved, smiling crookedly. "Any charge accounts for his lady friends?"

Again Ruth shook her head. "No, not in his name at least. But from what he said to Rita Dubois on Saturday I gathered that he had given her letters to the credit managers of several shops. I imagine the accounts were to be opened in her name, with his name as guarantee of payment, but of course I can't be sure."

"Just one of the little points that Rita can clear up for us," McMann commented dryly. "By the way, how long had Borden's affair with the dancer been going on?"

"I don't think it had really begun," Ruth answered honestly. "From what I overheard between them on Saturday and from what Mr. Borden said after Rita had left—"

"What did he say?" McMann interrupted sharply.

"Something about they all fall sooner or later, and that he liked them when they weren't too easy," Ruth answered, flushing. "He met Rita Dubois at the Golden Slipper about three weeks ago,

and was infatuated with her from the first."

"And she with him?"

Ruth's flush deepened. "No—no. She hated for him even to touch her hand. I was surprised that she had agreed to go to Winter Haven with him Saturday."

"There's something else, Miss Lester. Out with it!"

"Well, Ruth admitted reluctantly, "she practically admitted to me that she was gold-digging Mr. Borden. That was Saturday morning. She noticed the change in my appearance, too, and charged me, good-naturedly, with having 'dolloped up' to 'vamp' Mr. Borden. She laughed then, and said I could have him 'next week,' implying that she would get all she wanted out of him over the week-end. Then she warned me not to tell Borden what she had said. I replied by telling her of my engagement to Mr. Hayward. Mr. Borden came out of his private office then and ended the conversation between Miss Dubois and myself."

"Hm!" McMann frowned, as he scribbled notes on a sheet of yellow paper. "No wonder," she was more when he 'sloped her up.' Now, Miss Lester, I'd like you to tell me, if you can, who preceded Rita Dubois in Borden's affections. There was someone, of course?"

Ruth hesitated, loath to involve another woman, probably as innocent as herself of Borden's murder, but she realized that now, when the shadow of arrest hung over the man she loved, was no time to be scrupulously ethical. And if she did not tell, McMann would learn from other sources.

"From the time I came to work for Mr. Borden until he met Miss Dubois," she began slowly.

"Mr. Borden was very attentive to a Miss Gilman—Cleo Gilman."

"Were they lovers?" McMann asked bluntly.

"I don't know, but I presume so," Ruth answered reluctantly.

"I heard her remind him, on the fifth of December, I believe it was, that her rent was due, and I saw him give her cash to pay it. She did not come to the office very frequently, but until he met Miss Dubois he made an engagement with her by telephone nearly every day."

Her telephone number and address?" McMann demanded.

"I don't know her address, but the telephone number was Wayne 3400," Ruth told him.

"And did they quarrel over Miss Dubois?"

"I don't know. He simply stopped calling her on the phone and gave me instructions to tell her he was not in if she called him."

"And what did she say to you when you told her Borden wasn't in?"

The ghost of a smile tagged at the dimple in the corner of Ruth's enchanting little mouth. "The first time she left word for him to call her, and he didn't of course. The second time she called, she said, 'Well, well! So that's that! Lie in, darling, tell him Cleo says "Goodbye, good luck and God bless you." She never called again, when I was here."

"You sure of that? Sure she wasn't the woman who called him Saturday morning and wouldn't leave her name?" McMann prodded.

"No. The voice was not the same at all," Ruth replied unhesitatingly. "The woman who called Saturday morning had a beautiful, throaty contralto voice. Miss Gilman's is a little nasal and quite high-pitched."

McMann reached for the extension of the telephone which he had hooked up with police headquarters. "Hello! That you, Captain? McMann speaking. Have a good man sent out to bring in Cleo Gilman. Yes—that's right. One of Borden's lady friends, that he broke with about three weeks ago. Telephone number, Wayne 3400. Yes... Too much rather than too little. I got enough suspects to fill a jail... No, I'm not making any arrests yet."

"What's that? The boys didn't find a gun in either place?"

Well, by the way, Captain, any report on Borden's man servant, Ashe, yet? I told Birdwell an hour ago to have him brought here on Saturday."

Not at Borden's apartment, oh? Well, I want him brought here as soon as he shows up. Yes, here! I'm making these offices my headquarters for to-day, at least. Yes, she's a lot of help to me, and I don't want to drag her down to headquarters if I can help it."

McMann nodded and smiled at Ruth, to indicate that he was referring to her.

"Mrs. Borden? I sent her home at noon. She has a sick child. No, Slipper about three weeks ago,

no danger of her blowing

## AMERICAN STOCKS.

## CABLE QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

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Packard Motor Car (Common) .....	135 134
Radio Corporation of America (Common) .....	107 110
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6. "Pavane".....Signor Giovanni  
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## THE VOLUNTEERS.

## ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

The following orders are issued by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

1. Casuals.—Musketry Table "T" will be fired at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 5th May, 1929. All those, with the exception of the Portuguese Company, who have not yet fired are requested to do so. This is the last opportunity for members to fire.

Change Officer: 2/Lieut. A. Hut-ton-Potts.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry Order (a. rifle, belt, bayonet braces and pouches or bandoliers. Uniform or muff optional).

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 3rd May, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m., and on Saturday, 4th May, 1929, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Change Order No. 5 dated 30th April, 1929 is repeated for information.

"His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., G.C.V.O., has commanded the G.O.C. to congratulate all ranks, Regulars and Volunteers, of the land forces of the Crown Colony of Hongkong for their smart turn-out, on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. to the Colony, which he greatly appreciated."

3. King's Birthday Parade.

All ranks of The Corps are recommended to the King's Birthday Parade which will take place on the Cricket Ground during the forenoon of 3rd June, 1929. His Excellency The G.O.C. has expressed his special wish for a full turn out of The Corps and The Commandant asks all to keep the date free.

4. Corps Band.

The Band will parade at full strength for Band Practice on Tuesday, 4th May at 5.30 p.m. at Headquarters, dress muff.

The Band will parade in Uniform as hereunder at 8.00 p.m. on Friday, 10th May at Headquarters at the Corps Annual Prize Distribution and will play selections during the musical programme after dinner.

Dress: Caps, tunics, slacks, belts and Cross Belts, black boots.

5. Battery.

Musketry. All ranks who have not yet fired Part II Musketry must fire on Sunday, 5th May. This is the last opportunity for this Training Season.

Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1.

6. Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, 9th May. All ranks will parade at Race Course at 5.30 p.m. for Mounted Drill Dress Muff.

Monday, 6th May. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy Road Range for firing Machine Gun Tests. Dress: Muff.

Motor Cycle Section.

Sunday, 5th May. Musketry (Part II)—Casuals as this is the last opportunity for those who have not already fired, to qualify for efficiency in musketry, they should attend. Attention is drawn to this Corps Order No. 1.

Monday, 6th May, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Course Part I. on Kennedy Road Range.

Dress: Muff.

8. Machine Gun Company.

Tuesday, 7th May. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Recruits in Squad and Arms Drill and N.C.O.s in Machine Gun Instructor's Class. Dress for all—Muff.

Musketry. The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps Order No. 1. This Sunday is the last opportunity for all who have not fired to do so.

9. Scottish Company.

Weekly parades will be discontinued until further notice. All ranks are reminded that rifles and bayonets must be kept at Corps Headquarters or in the Armoury at Plover Headquaters. No arms are to be kept by individuals at their homes.

Musketry. Attention is drawn to Corps Order No. 1. Members of the Company who have yet to fire Table "T" must do so on 6th May, as this is the last opportunity for the 1929 Training Season.

10. Portuguese Company.

Smoking Concert and Dinner. Friday, 10th May. All ranks are reminded that the annual Smoking Concert and Distribution of Prizes for the last season will take place at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 10th May, preceded by a Corps Dinner. All ranks of the Company should make a special effort to be present at this function.

Attention is drawn to this Corps Notice No. 2



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Empress of France	May 26	June 2	June 5	June 7	June 13
Empress of Russia	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 17
Empress of France	Aug. 21	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 29	Sept. 9
Empress of Russia	Sept. 4	Sept. 7	Sept. 10	Sept. 12	Sept. 21
Empress of Asia	Sept. 26	Sept. 29	Oct. 2	Oct. 4	Oct. 12
Empress of France	Oct. 9	Oct. 12	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 26
Empress of Russia	Oct. 20	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 28	Nov. 6
Empress of Asia	Nov. 10	Nov. 13	Nov. 16	Nov. 18	Nov. 27
Empress of France	Nov. 20	Nov. 23	Nov. 26	Nov. 28	Dec. 7
Empress of Russia	Dec. 1	Dec. 4	Dec. 7	Dec. 9	Dec. 18
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	Leave	Manila	Leave	Manila	Arrive
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D'ARTAGNAN.	21st May.	ANGERS.	21st May.
SPHINX.	4th June.	G. METZINGER.	4th June.
ANGERS.	18th June.	ANDRE LEBON.	18th June.
G. METZINGER.	2nd July.	PORRHOS.	2nd July.
ANDRE LEBON.	16th July.	CHENONCEAUX.	16th July.
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DUKE'S ARRIVAL IN  
TOKYO.EMPEROR EXTENDS A  
PERSONAL WELCOME.

Tokyo, May 2.  
Tokyo was on a festive morning and a Royal Welcome awaited Prince Henry and his suite as the special train in which they had travelled up to the Capital from Yokohama drew up alongside the station platform. To the accompaniment of the bursting of daylight fireworks overhead.

As the Prince stepped out to the strains of the British National Anthem, the Emperor himself came forward and shook his royal visitor warmly by the hand, while large numbers of high Japanese officials and others stood by bareheaded, bowing deeply in respectful silence.

After the Premier and principal members of the Cabinet, and other leading officials, had been presented, the Prince was conducted to a reception room from which, after a short rest, he proceeded to the station entrance where carriages and an escort of Guards Cavalry awaited the Royal party. Prince Henry himself, with Prince Chichibu, entered a state coach drawn by six horses, while the members of his suite, headed by the Earl of Arlue, and the other members of the Japanese reception committee with Baron Hayashi as their chief, followed with the Master of Ceremonies in carriages each drawn by two horses.

As the imposing procession moved off, a battery of artillery boomed forth a salute and the troops lining the streets presented arms while the vast crowds of spectators who had assembled to witness the Prince's arrival, bared their heads and burst into thunderous cheers of welcome.

Leaving the great open square in front of the station, the procession passed through the troop-lined streets which were gaily, beflagged with the Rising Sun and Union Jack, to the Kasumigaseki Palace, where the Royal party is to stay during its time in Tokyo, the Prince acknowledging the ovations given by the crowds.

Arrived at the Palace, the two princes and the British and Japanese officials accompanying them entered, and the escort of lanciers, after a final salute, wheeled round and made their way back to their quarters.

To-morrow Prince Henry with his suite will proceed to the Imperial Palace to invest the Emperor with the insignia of the Garter, but for the rest of to-day no further official functions are on the programme.—*Reuter's Pacific Service.*

## Reception to Pressmen.

Tokyo, May 2.  
The morning papers, welcoming the Duke of Gloucester, assert that alliance or no alliance, Japan's friendship toward England has not altered. The newspapers print messages of welcome from Baron Tanaka and the Mayor of Tokyo expressing, inter alia, gratification at the recovery of H. M. King George.

A personal reception to Pressmen was given by the Duke of Gloucester, who requested them to express to the Japanese people his thanks for their welcome and specially thanks for their sympathy in King George's illness. The Duke of Gloucester

## CHINA AND JAPAN.

## SHANTUNG WITHDRAWAL.

Tokyo, May 2.  
The National Government of China has submitted details of plans for the maintenance of peace and order in Shantung after the Japanese withdrawal.

The situation will not be affected, it is stated, by the withdrawal of Marshal Feng's troops from Shantung, as Nanking forces will be drafted to take their place.

The Japanese military chiefs have, therefore, decided to complete their arrangements for the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung by May 27th.

The Chief of the General Staff has informed the Emperor to this effect.—*Reuter.*

## Agreement Signed.

Nanking, May 2.  
Following a conference between Dr. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa this morning, an agreement for the settlement of the Nanking and Hankow incidents was signed.

The spokesman of the Foreign Ministry stated that the Nanking agreement was practically similar to the Sino-British and Sino-American settlements; while the Hankow agreement differed in many respects from both the Nanking and Tsinan affairs.

Dr. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa discussed the revision of the Sino-Japanese commercial treaty and are conferring again this evening. It is stated that the Japanese Minister is going to Shanghai to-night, and will shortly return to Japan, returning to China before May 26 to discuss again the question of treaty revision, with Dr. Wang, after the state burial of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

The Japanese Minister, accompanied by the Foreign Minister, called on Marshal Chiang Kai-shek this afternoon.—*Reuter.*

## ARMS FOR CHINA.

BRITISH EXPORT TRADE  
TO COMMENCE?

London, May 2.

Since the raising of the embargo on exporting arms to China, many orders have been received in London for insurance of arms and munitions to China. It is understood that the managements of many large British insurance companies are of opinion that such insurances are inimical to British trade interests in China, and might jeopardise the lives of Europeans.—*Reuter.*

## America Continues the Ban.

Washington, May 2.

Despite the raising of the arms embargo on China, and regardless of the action of other Powers hereafter, the United States announces that it will maintain a strict embargo on such shipments in future.

This course is described as "an example to the other Powers," and an extension to the Far East of the policy already successfully applied in Mexico.

The only arms and munitions allowed in ships bound for China are those authorised by the Chinese National Government.—*Reuter's American Service.*

emphasised that the bonds of long-standing Anglo-Japanese friendship were bound to continue owing to their common ideals, "foremost among which were their deep loyalty and determined love for peace."—*Reuter.*

PACIFIC SCIENCE  
CONGRESS.DELEGATES ON HARUNA  
MARU.

Carrying practically a full list of passengers, among whom are the Japanese and American delegates to the Pacific Science Conference to be held at Batavia from May 16 to 25, the N. Y. K. s.s. Haruna Maru, bound for Europe, is due here this morning.

Those in the Japanese delegation are all prominent scientists. Among them are Marguis and Lady Y. Tokugawa, Marguis N. Kuroda, Viscount A. Tanaka, Prof. M. Miyoshi, and Dr. H. Hattori, advisor to H. I. J. M.'s Scientific Research.

America is also well represented, those chosen being Dr. T. W. Vaughan, Professor in the University of California, Dr. Coville, Dr. and Mrs. Cooke and several others who have already passed through Hongkong or are on their way to Batavia for the Conference.

The Haruna Maru will be joined here by Dr. and Mrs. Edward M. Ehrhorn, of Honolulu, who arrived by the s.s. Korea Maru some time ago. Dr. Ehrhorn is also attending the Pacific Science Conference.

Other interesting passengers on board the s.s. Haruna Maru going to Europe are H. E. Senhor Jose da Costa Carneiro, the Portuguese Minister to Tokyo, accompanied by Lady Carneiro, and Mr. and Mrs. Weser. Mr. Weser is the manager of Astor House Hotel, Shanghai.

The Haruna Maru is due to leave Hongkong to-morrow for Singapore where those attending the Pacific Science Conference will disembark to continue on their journey to Batavia.

## NAVAL BUILDING.

QUESTION OF REDUCTION  
OR LIMITATION.

Washington, May 2.

Press reports from Geneva that the Disarmament Commission has abandoned the principle of reduction of armaments in favour of limitation are discredited by Mr. Gibson.

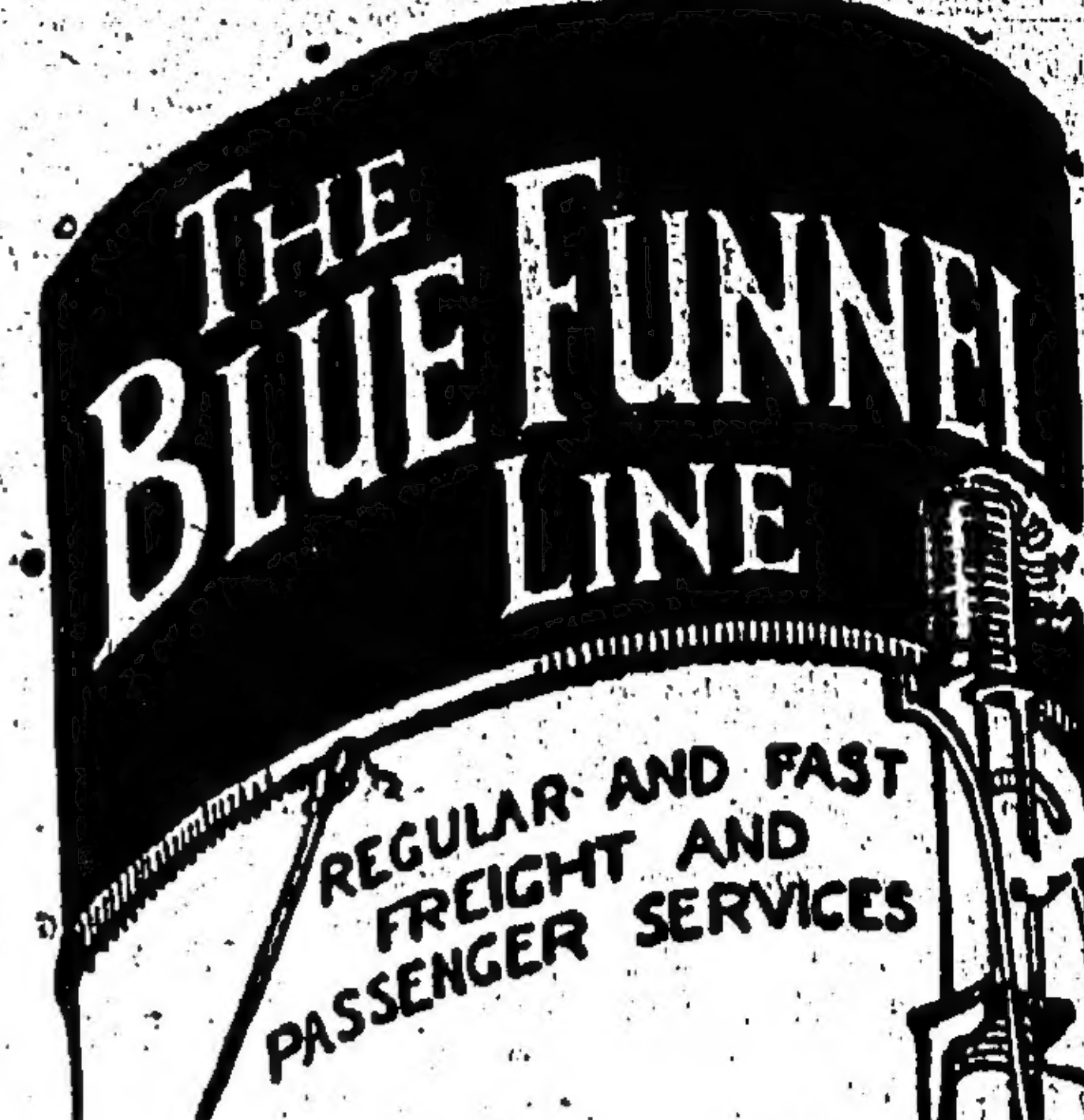
In a cable reply to Mr. Stimson he says the only basis for such an allegation was a unanimous rejection of a certain Soviet amendment on a point of order. Mr. Gibson adds that the whole Commission made it clear that in rejecting this amendment its position with regard to reduction was in no wise prejudiced.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## Animated Discussion.

Geneva, May 2.

An animated discussion was held by the Disarmament Committee on two proposals for the limitation of war materials, firstly a German one providing for direct limitation through a table showing stocks of arms, and secondly a French one suggesting that budgetary estimates provide an indication of reserve war materials.

Viscount Sato (Japan), Signor De Marinis (Italy), the Czechoslovak and Yugo-Slavian delegates favoured the latter proposal; while the Swedish delegate favoured direct limitation, which Mr. Gibson is reported to have also said he preferred.—*Reuter.*

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## THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from Page 2.)

able all possible means of storage on this side. The Government as the Council knows is not putting forward this Aberdeen scheme as a substitute for that portion of the Shing Mun scheme which involved the bringing of Shing Mun water to Hongkong. We are pushing ahead with the Shing Mun scheme as fast as we can. Increased storage on the mainland is being provided in the new Kowloon Byewash Reservoir, the actual construction of which should commence at a very early date, and the Waterworks Engineer is, we hope, already engaged in final discussions with the Consulting Engineer as to the design of the pipe line. At the same time preliminary investigations are in hand for further storage on the upper reaches of the Shing Mun River. The Aberdeen scheme is, so far as Hongkong Island is concerned, supplementary to the Shing Mun scheme and will be of the utmost value in securing improved supply to the Western end of the city which, in times of drought, is always the worst sufferer.

### Charged to Loan Funds.

Honourable members will notice a discrepancy between the estimated cost of \$2,627,000 given in the Sessional Paper and the figure of \$2,702,000 given in my resolution. This represents the difference between the estimated and the actual cost of the necessary resumption. The estimated time necessary for completion of the Aberdeen scheme is three years, so that if this resolution is approved we ought to obtain the benefits of the scheme in 1932. I need hardly remind Honourable members that this scheme is strongly recommended by the Director of Public Works and the Waterworks Engineer in the reports published in Sessional Paper No. 4 of 1928.

Coming now to the question of finance, the Government is satisfied that waterworks schemes of this magnitude are not a fair charge on the current revenue of the Colony and has secured the approval of the Secretary of State to charge the cost of the Aberdeen scheme to Loan Funds. The present public works loan will, however, be more than fully expended in paying for the first section of the Shing Mun scheme, the construction of the Kai Tak Aerodrome and the Harbour Dredging. It will, therefore, be necessary to charge the Aberdeen scheme and the extensions of the Shing Mun scheme to a further loan which will be raised at a future date. For the present we shall be able to advance the necessary money from the surplus funds of the Colony which will later on be reimbursed from loan funds. It is estimated that the amount which will be required for expenditure during the current financial year is \$655,000 the greater part of which will be spent on resumptions. I now formally move the resolution standing in my name and trust it will meet with the unanimous approval of the Council.

### Unofficials Approve.

Hon. Sir Shou-sen Chow: As the senior Unofficial member for the time being, I beg to second the resolution. The explanations given by the Hon. Colonial Secretary are so full that it will be unnecessary for me to add anything to them beyond explaining that since Your Excellency's return to the Colony, the Unofficial members have had a full discussion of the whole question of the supply with you, and have been convinced that whatever water

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 "From my window in Vanity Fair," "The Fisherman."  
 Comedian, Billy Bennett.  
 "Keys of Heaven," "Annie Laurie," (Novelty Variations), Organ Solo, Terence Casey.  
 "Only a few of us left," (a) "The Postscript," (b) "The Postscript," Mr. Flotam and Mr. Jettam with piano.  
 "Semiramide," (Rossini) Overture, Milan Symphony Orchestra.  
 "Cavalleria Rusticana," (Mascagni), Milan Symphony Orchestra.  
 "Is he the best friend?" "Away down south in Heaven," Comedienne, Sophie Tucker.  
 "Minuet from Suite," (J. Suk).  
 "Berceuse," (Chopin), Pianoforte Solo, Ignaz Friedman.  
 "In a Chinese Temple Garden," "Bells across the Meadow," Organ Solo at the Elito Super Cinema, Wimbledon.  
 "Samson," (Handel), Soprano, Bella Ballico.  
 "Septet," (Saint-Saens, Op. 65), Septet: MM. Foveau (trumpet), Contro (1st violin), Bellanger (2nd violin), Nanny (double bass), and Fauro (piano).  
 "He hadn't up till yesterday," "Aren't Women Wonderful?" Comedienne, Sophie Tucker.  
 "Shenandoah, Sea Shanty," (E. Thimmon), "The Elstrangers—Prize Song," (Wagner), Cello Solo, W. H. Squire.  
 "Concerto in D minor for two violins," (J. S. Bach), Alma Rosenegren-Witek (violin); Anton Witek (violin) and String Orchestra.  
 10.30 p.m. Close down.

we may be able to bring across from Kowloon, we ought to proceed simultaneously with the Aberdeen water scheme, which will secure an improved supply to the Island and especially to the inhabitants of the Western end of the city who, in times of a water shortage, suffer the most. The Unofficial members agree with Your Excellency that this work is more properly chargeable to Loan Funds than to current revenue.

His Excellency the Governor: I am very glad to find that the Official and Unofficial members are of one mind in this matter.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

## THE HONGKONG BANK.

### Bill Introduced to Amend Constitution.

Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton moved the first reading of a Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the constitution of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

Adjournment.

His Excellency the Governor: Next Thursday, I understand, is the eclipse of the sun. I do not know whether any member will wish to see it. The Council will not sit on Thursday next, but will now adjourn for a fortnight.

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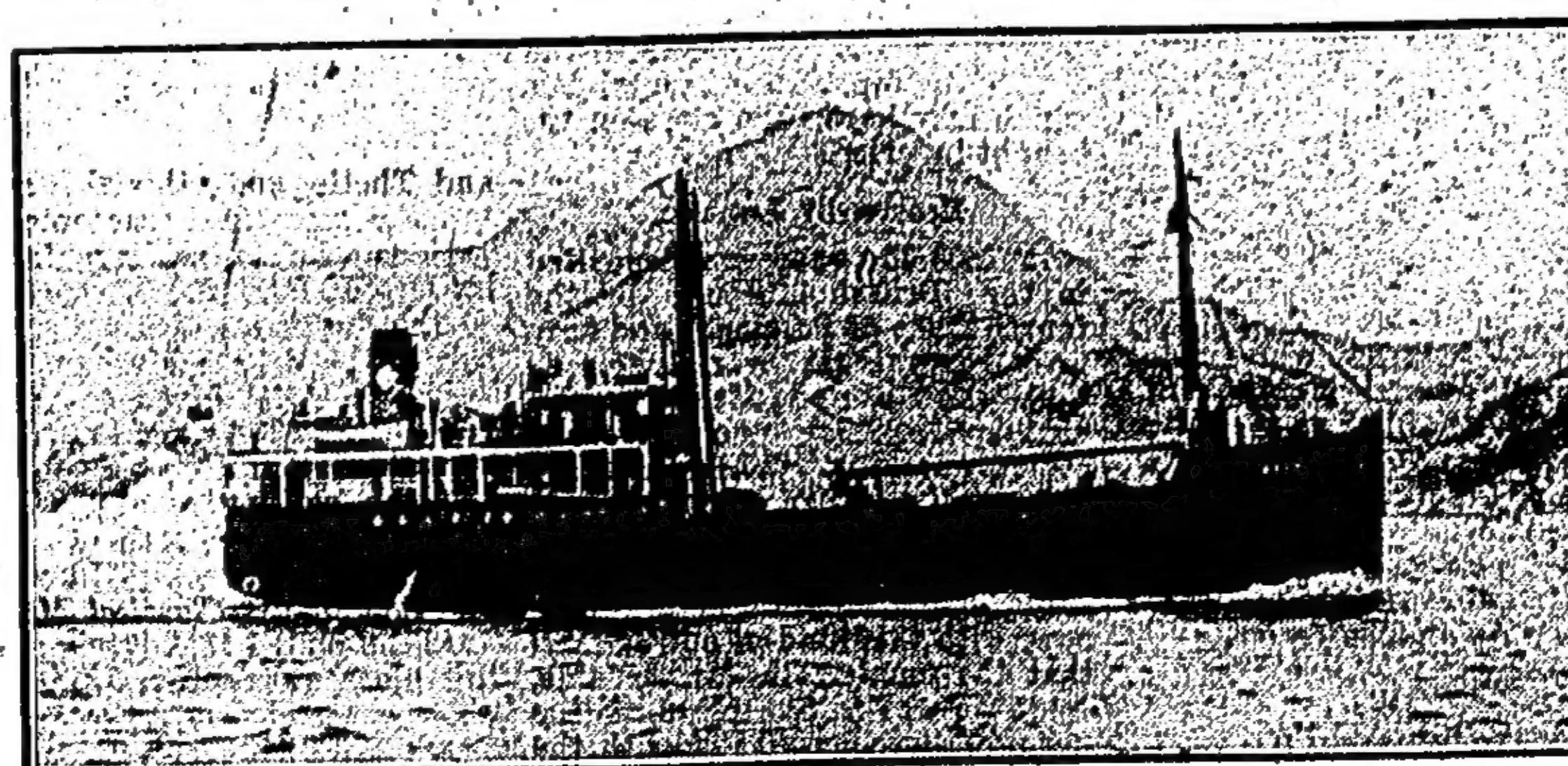
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#### "JIGGS."

"BRINGING UP FATHER" COMING.

"Bringing Up Father," based on the well-known newspaper cartoons, will be screened on Sunday and Monday at the Queen's Theatre.

The new picture is a comical series of adventures of Jiggs, Maggie, Dinty Moore and the rest of the crowd of McManus characters, filmed on an elaborate scale. James Farrell McDonald is seen in the role of Jiggs, and Polly Moran as the redoubtable Maggie. Marie Dressler appears as Mrs. Dinty Moore and Jules Cowles as Dinty, and others in the cast include Gertrude Olmsted as Jiggs' daughter, Grant Withers as her suitor, Rose Dione as the society leader and Andree de Segurula as the count. Bull Montana, Tenen Holtz, Bobby Mack, David Mir and others of note are among the players.

The story was adapted directly from the George McManus

#### BURMAH OIL BLAZE.

MAN KILLED WHEN HUGE TANK EXPLODES.

Rangoon, May 2. A serious fire broke out in the Burmah Oil Company's refinery at Syriam this morning.

A hundred thousand gallon kerosene tank exploded, and blew off the roof, killing one man.

Thirty thousand gallons of kerosene are still burning.

Reuters.

cartoons, incident after incident from the pictures being taken and woven together into a complete story. Jiggs' adventure with his wife's French Poodle, the fights of the two, the reception and Maggie's courting of nobility—these are among the comical details, and the episodes in Dinty Moore's place and other incidents are also echoes of the newspaper comic strip.

#### DUTCH SEAPLANE DISASTER.

EXTRAORDINARY MISHAP ON THE TIGRIS.

TAXIED INTO BRIDGE.

Bagdad, May 2. Lieutenant Everts, a Dutch flying officer, attached to the naval seaplane squadron on its way to the Dutch East Indies, was killed at Bagdad to-day, and his two companions were seriously injured.

The accident as the result of which the casualties occurred was most extraordinary.

Lieut. Everts was piloting his flying-boat, the D-22 on a test flight after the engine had been overhauled. He was flying low with the object of alighting on the Tigris when the machine fouled the telegraph wires and suddenly dipped towards the river.

The pilot righted the machine magnificently in time to make a perfect landing on the river, but he had had to increase speed to do so, and the flying-boat taxied swiftly across the water crashing into the Maude Bridge of boats.

The machine was badly smashed, and two of the occupants were extricated from the wreckage badly hurt. The pilot must have been killed almost instantaneously.

The D-22 was one of three Dutch flying-boats which were on their way from Holland to Java.

Reuters.

#### SHANGHAI FUTURE UNCERTAIN.

NO FURTHER REDUCTION OF BRITISH TROOPS.

SUBVERSIVE AGENTS.

London, May 2.

A suggestion that there is no further necessity for the retention of British troops in Shanghai was contained in a series of questions put to the Minister for War in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who replied on behalf of Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, stated that British forces in China had been considerably reduced in the course of the past year, and at the present time, the War Office has no intention of effecting further reductions.

He made it clear that the reason for the War Office attitude was not because there was imminent danger to the International Settlement in Shanghai, or of attacks in any particular quarter, but because it was a fact that the position is by no means certain.

It was pointed out that subversive activities have not been brought to an end.

Mr. Looker (Cons.) drew attention to the existence in Shanghai of a considerable element of Chinese Communists. There was still a subversive tendency rendering complete withdrawal inadvisable at present.

In reply to a further Labour question, Mr. Duff Cooper said that Mr. Looker had conveyed what he had meant to convey by his answer. He denied that he meant that Shanghai was to be the garrison town for the rest of China.

Reuters.

#### ANOTHER TORNADO DISASTER.

FIFTY KILLED IN WRECK OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL.

New York, May 2. A terrible tornado disaster is reported from Richmond, Virginia, where fifty were killed by a tornado which demolished the Rye Cove School near Gate City.

It is learned from Columbus, Ohio, that a high wind sweeping over the city to-day, blew down part of the wall of the Columbus Prison, killing four and seriously injuring six persons.

A dozen of the prisoners are missing.

Seven people are dead, and scores were injured, while many farm buildings were blown down through a tornado at Wheatley, Arkansas.

Three negroes were killed and 15 injured by a cyclone in Georgia. A dozen persons have also been injured in a tornado at Fort Smith.

Reuters' American Service.

#### FAIR WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan and a depression is situated in the Eastern Sea.

The local forecast is:—South-east or variable winds, moderate, fair.

#### PORTLAND VASE SUPRISE.

HISTORIC TREASURE NOT FOR U.S.A.

CHRISTIE'S AUCTION OVER IN 35 SECONDS.

BOUGHT-IN BY OWNER?

London, May 2. A dramatic surprise was in store for the large gathering at Christie's saleroom, King Street, St. James's Square, to-day, when the famous Portland Vase was put up to auction.

It was advertised as "the world famous, and historic vase of antique glass, known as the Portland or Barberini Vase; the property of the Duke of Portland, which for over a 100 years has been exhibited on loan at the British Museum."

It has been regarded as a national treasure and to be "priceless" and it was feared that this most beautiful specimen of ancient art was certain to go to America.

29,000 Guineas Offered.

Within thirty-five seconds of the opening bid, the vase was going for 29,000 guineas.

It was then understood by the big crowd that the vase had been sold. A woman demanded to know the name of the purchaser as she said the British public were keenly interested in the sale of the vase.

The auctioneer did not reply, and only later was it made known that the vase had been withdrawn.

Buyers from the United States and from the Continent had been as keen bidders as the British buyers.

The "Evening Standard" states that the vase was bought in for the Duke of Portland himself. It is of dark blue glass, with white cameo-like figures upon it, illustrating figures of Pelous and Thetis, and it is reputed to have been found in a sarcophagus in Rome nearly five centuries ago.

#### Barberini Treasure.

The vase was at one time in the possession of the family of Pope Barberini, or Urban VIII., and it remained in the Barberini Palace until about 1776, when the circumstances of the family were such that they were compelled to part with some of their treasures.

The vase ultimately came into the possession of Sir William Hamilton, from whom the Dowager Duchess of Portland, a famous collector, acquired it. After her death the whole of the "Portland Museum," as it was called, was dispersed at auction on the premises by Messrs. Skinner and Co. in April, May, and June, 1786. There were 4,156 lots, and the last but one was the vase from the Barberini cabinet. According to the auctioneers' elaborate and inaccurate description,

It is the identical urn which contained the ashes of the Roman Emperor Alexander Severus and his mother Mamma, which was deposited in the earth about the year 235 after Christ, and was dug up by order of Pope Barberini, named Urban VIII., between the years 1623 and 1644.

#### An Unrecorded Fact.

At the auction sale on Wednesday, June 7, 1786, it was knocked down for 980 guineas, but apparently it did not reach the reserve, and so was not sold.

And at this point of the story there is an interesting and apparently hitherto unrecorded fact to be related. In one of the catalogues of this famous sale there is written in the margin, probably by the auctioneer Skinner himself: "Sold June 7, 1786 to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough for £12,500."

From this it may be assumed that the Duke of Marlborough made some offer to purchase the vase at a price which cannot now be decided from the auctioneer's private figures, but which may have been close on the bought-in price.

#### Broken by Lunatic.

In 1800 the vase was deposited in the British Museum by the fourth Duke of Portland; and here it has remained ever since, so that the Duke of Marlborough's negotiations for the purchase came to nothing. While on public view at the Museum on February 7, 1845, it was wilfully smashed to pieces by a lunatic named William Lloyd, and as there was no law to cope with this kind of outrage, all that the magistrate, Mr. Jardine, could do was to fine Lloyd £3, the value of the glass shade, with the option of two months in gaol.

Eventually the pieces were put together by Mr. John Doubleday, one of the Museum's employees.

The smashing of the vase at least settled one long-disputed point as to the material of which it was composed. Beval in 1738 called it "the famous vase of

#### FENG YU-HSIANG'S ACTIVITIES.

KUOMINCHUN CENTRED IN SHENSI.

STRANGEST RUMOURS.

Shanghai, May 2.

It is reported that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang is concentrating his forces at Loyang and Tung-kwan in Shensi Province, the exact purpose of which is difficult to define. It is rumoured that in the event of war with Nanking, Feng plans to launch an attack on Shensi.

The majority of the Kuominchun movements take place during the night, according to newspaper correspondents. The Peking-Hankow Railway is much used during the night for the transport of troops.

General Sun Laing-sing is reported to have delivered a speech at Kaifeng, declaring his continued support of the Central Government, and stating that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has no intention of interfering with the Nanking decision regarding the occupation of Shantung.

General Sun says he resigned because he is not well enough to undertake the onerous duties of the Civil Governorship.

Another well-known supporter of Feng Yu-hsiang, Mr. Y. L. Tong has resigned his position as Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, giving no reason.

#### AIR SERVICE TO AFRICA.

ASSURANCES OF OFFICIAL SUPPORT.

FINANCIAL GRANTS.

London, May 2.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, stated in the House of Commons that the Government of Southern Rhodesia had intimated its willingness to arrange for a contribution of £10,000 yearly for a period of five years towards the cost of the projected air service between this country and South Africa.

The South African Government had undertaken to provide a substantial portion of the required subsidy, and offers to contribute had also been received from the administrations of Sudan, Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.

As a result of steady co-operation on the part of Administrations mentioned, the finances of the service were assured.

Sir Samuel Hoare also stated that the aircraft R.100 was expected to be ready for her trials by about the end of May and the R.101 by about the end of June.

British Wireless.

#### FORMER CHINA LEADER.

Tientsin, May 2. Marshal Tuan Chi-jui's illness has reached a critical stage and he is not expected to live.

Nanking, May 2. The resignation of Mr. Chu Chao-hsin as Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, has been accepted.

chalcodony," Bartoli described it as sardonyx, De La Chaussee as agate, and Montfaucon as a precious stone. Count Cylus was apparently the first to describe it as glass. It is in fact formed of glass of a dark rich blue tint, and may be described as an amorphous about 10in. high. The theory long held that the sarcophagus in which it was found was the tomb of Alexander Severus and his mother, and that the figures on the vase commemorate these two personages, has since been proved inaccurate. In 1766 Winckelmann not only rejected the Alexander Severus theory, but was the first to suggest that the subject of the vase was the marriage of Peleus and Thetis, and this theory has, in the main, been accepted by various scholars and is maintained by Dr. H. B. Walters, the Keeper of the Greek and Roman antiquities in the British Museum, in his elaborate "Catalogue of the Engraved Gems," &c., in that department.

In an exhaustive and learned essay on "The Portland Vase," which Mr. W. Watkins Lloyd contributed to the *Classical Museum*, 1848, he stated that "the artist of the glass vase proves himself a true successor of the ancient Greek manufacturers and painters of fictile vases." The bibliography of the Portland vase is perhaps almost as extensive as that of the Venus de Milo. It has been copied by Wedgwood and others, and innumerable engravings have been made and photos published of it during the last two or three centuries.



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